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PM: I'm in no rush to meet Arafat

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu makes a point to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in New York yesterday. (AP)

By DANNA HARMAN and news agencies

UNITED NATIONS – Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday he is not going to rush into meetings with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat unless there is something concrete to talk about.

Arriving in New York to address the UN General Assembly, Netanyahu went straight into a series of private meetings, first with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, and later in the day with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Both meetings focused on the progress, or lack thereof, being made on the US proposal for a troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

Moussa did not talk to the press following his brief session with Netanyahu, saying only that "there are still many issues to work out."

Netanyahu agreed there is a lot still to be done, but added that Israel and the Palestinians have "traveled quite some distance." Not missing the opportunity to point the finger of blame, however, he said the lack of progress is due solely to Palestinian intransigence.

"I think the Americans now understand something they may not have well understood before; that is, that we are the ones itching to move forward with this process... But progress is not only up to us and the Americans," he said following his meeting with Albright.

"We have made some progress," Albright said after the 75-minute discussion. "We have a lot of work to do."

She is expected to meet with Arafat this weekend.

Netanyahu stated forcefully that Israel cannot move forward as long as it fears "the Palestinian areas becoming one huge Hamas Islamic terrorist base – a base for fundamentalist extremism that endangers Israel."

Netanyahu said that more meetings with the Americans are hoped for, but did not say whether he would be finally sitting down with Arafat.

"There is nothing specific planned, only time will tell," he said, adding that "I am not really pushing for a meeting with Arafat, but am willing."

An Israeli official noted that it seemed more likely that a meeting between the two would take place later this month in Israel, rather than in the atmosphere of heightened expectations being created in New York.

Furthermore, Netanyahu warned that if Arafat brings up the issue of a declaration of Palestinian statehood in his address before the General Assembly on Monday – as is expected – it will make progress, including the convening of a joint meeting, "very, very difficult."

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Police: No reason to charge Strashnov

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Police who investigated allegations of obstruction of justice in the trial of convicted spy Nahum Manbar have decided that there is no reason to press criminal charges against Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov or any of the legal and political personalities interrogated.

But, in handing over the file to Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein yesterday, the police recommended that the ethical aspects of the case be examined.

"There was no evidence... that material relating to the case was passed from defense attorney Pninat Yanai to presiding Judge Amnon Strashnov," a police report, released last night, stated.

Nor did the police find evidence to back allegations that Manbar's lawyers had used foul means in an attempt to prevent him from being convicted.

But the report recommended that "in the appropriate frameworks, ethical aspects of the evidence collected be examined." In this respect, the report singled out the hiring of Yanai, who had recently clerked with Strashnov, by Manbar's lawyers, Amnon Zichroni and Dror Arad-Eilon; the ongoing friendship between Yanai and Strashnov during the trial; and untruths told by Yanai to the Manbars.

"We have requested that certain ethical points be looked at by the appropriate bodies... both with regard to Judge Strashnov and with regard to advocate Pninat Yanai, but also with regard to advocates Zichroni and Arad-Eilon," Lt.-Cmdr. Miri Golan said later, without elaborating.

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Dow up 3.3%

NEW YORK (Reuters) – US stocks soared yesterday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan held Wall Street's hand and spoke of speedy action to cushion America's economy from global contagion.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 257.21 points, or 3.26 percent, at 8,154.41. It was the blue-chip index's strongest close since August 27.

In prepared testimony on the global economy before the Senate Budget Committee, Greenspan said the risk of a slowdown in the domestic economy is more than enough to keep the lid on inflation, and action is needed soon to stabilize contagion from the world's financial crisis.

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Gingrich rejects talk of deal with Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) – House Speaker Newt Gingrich yesterday rejected talk of an immediate deal with President Bill Clinton to avoid a possible impeachment inquiry, despite polls showing most Americans don't want the president removed from office.

The White House accused Gingrich of unnecessarily dragging out the investigation into the Monica Lewinsky matter.

"For anybody to talk about doing anything before we finish the investigative process simply puts the cart before the horse," Gingrich told reporters following a meeting of House Republican and Democratic leaders. "I don't understand how people can rush to a solution before they finish the investigation."

At the White House, press secretary Mike McCurry said the idea of a lesser punishment, such as a congressional censure and a fine, is a "bipartisan idea" that better reflects public sentiment.

McCurry said Gingrich and his top lieutenants appear mainly interested in delaying the matter for partisan political advantage.

Asked about polls showing Americans seem to agree, Gingrich said: "I think people would be frankly horrified if the Congress was simply a polling institution that enacted a grotesque version of justice based on the latest poll or the latest talk show."

Republican and Democratic sources said that at the meeting, Rep. Richard Gephardt urged Republicans to agree to an expedited timetable for finishing the impeachment review. Several dates were suggested, some before and some after the November 3 elections.

Gingrich brushed these aside. At one point, these sources said, he replied that if the committee wraps up its work in 90 days, for example, and then fresh material surfaces, the process would have to be repeated.

Democrats also said Gingrich strongly suggested the Republicans might want to expand the inquiry beyond the issue of Clinton and Lewinsky, possibly folding in other areas that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has investigated or allegations of campaign finance violations by the president during his 1996 reelection.

Saatchi and Saatchi launch new synagogue with ad campaign

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – The advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi is launching its own, brand-name Orthodox synagogue.

Brothers Charles and Maurice – whose brilliant campaigns established a new standard for advertising excellence and helped former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher remain in office throughout the 1980s – are backing the Saatchi Synagogue with their own full-blown advertising campaign.

The synagogue is due to open its doors in the predominantly Jewish district of northwest London next month.

Its first advertisement, which appeared in the Jewish media over the weekend, depicts a piece of gefilte fish with the slogan: "At our new synagogue, this is the only thing that gets rammed down someone's throat." Subsequent advertising campaigns will be aimed at Jewish travelers in Underground stations.

According to Rabbi Pini Dunner, who formerly ran a Jewish radio station in London, the $400,000 synagogue will serve "the many disenfranchised singles and young-marrieds."

The Saatchi brothers are not known to have been particularly observant, and they say the establishment of the synagogue is, in part, an act of atonement to their parents, Nathan and Daisy, who were upset that their sons married non-Jews.

But the new synagogue has irritated Jonathan Romain, a spokesman for the Reform movement in Britain, who objects to its being named after the family: "It's a deterrent to name it Saatchi," he says. "Even if they might say it is in honor of their parents, everybody will think of Maurice and Charles, which makes it exclusive rather than inclusive."

While the Saatchi Synagogue will be uncompromisingly Orthodox, its services will be more relaxed than those in conventional British Orthodox synagogues.

One clue comes in the advertising campaign, which castigates established synagogues for "being too formal and having boring services."

Among the attractions at the Saatchi Synagogue will be a four-course Friday evening dinner and a kosher cooking course by best-selling cookery writer Claudia Roden.

While the new venture has failed to win plaudits from the minority Reform movement, the synagogue has won the support of Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

It is also supported by Rabbi Abraham Levy, who runs the nearby Sephardi synagogue which the Saatchi parents have attended for more than 50 years.

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NEWS

in brief

Siemens to set up fund for Nazi-era slaves

German electrical engineering company Siemens said yesterday that it was planning to set up a 20 million mark fund to pay compensation to slave laborers who worked for it during the Nazi period.

The group said that the first payments from the fund would be made before the end of this year and should the amount not suffice, it would consider adding to the fund.

Siemens spokesman Eberhard Posner said that the establishment of the fund would entail no legal responsibility. The fund will be administered by independent individuals and organizations and he said that the money would be made available quickly and without bureaucratic wrangles. In August, Siemens was named in a class-action lawsuit seeking damages for survivors among some two million people forced to work in Nazi factories between 1933 and 1945. *Reuters*

IDF officers meet with UNIFIL over shooting

Senior IDF officers yesterday met with UNIFIL commanders and officials to present the findings of the army's inquiry into an incident last week in which a Norwegian soldier was wounded by a shell fired by an IDF tank. Reports from Lebanon said the IDF officers met at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura with the force's commander Maj.-Gen. Juoji Konrote, the head of the Norwegian battalion, and senior officials. The reports said the meeting was conducted in a cordial atmosphere and that a good understanding was reached over future relations between the IDF and UNIFIL. *David Rudge*

Pentagon approves $5b. aircraft sale to Israel

The Pentagon has approved the proposed sale of $5 billion worth of warplanes to Israel. Israel is expected to buy 60 F-16C/Ds and 30 F-15Is, many with low-altitude navigation and night-targeting capabilities, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Each of the F-15Is will be outfitted with the LANTIRN (Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night) pods, as will 30 of the F-16s, the Pentagon said. *AP*

Shots reportedly fired at car near Elon Moreh

The IDF is investigating reports of shots fired at an Israeli vehicle traveling between the settlements of Elon Moreh and Itamar late last night. According to the report, no one was injured and no damage was reported. The IDF Spokesman said a report of shots being fired had been received and was being investigated. Earlier in the evening an Israeli was lightly injured from stones thrown at his car while traveling to Reut. *Margot Dudkevitch*

Ness Ziona seeks removal of Biological Institute

Ness Ziona Mayor Yossi Shevo yesterday petitioned the High Court seeking to block the government from expanding a scientific facility in his city because, according to press reports, it manufactures biological weapons. The court is to consider the petition today.

In his petition, Shevo wrote that the institute conducts research "in the area of biological weapons and manufactures... virulent bacteria, which constitute a danger to the lives of the people living in the vicinity." Shevo said he based his claim on the unattributed foreign reports.

Shevo said on Army Radio that the institute ought to be transferred to an unpopulated area in the Negev. In its response to the court, the Justice Ministry wrote on behalf of the government that the foreign press reports were "inaccurate." However the state refused to say what the inaccuracies are "for reasons of security." *AP*

Arafat rejects resignation of chief negotiator

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has rejected a request by PA Minister of Local Government Saeb Erekat to be relieved of his post as chief negotiator in talks with Israel, Palestinian sources said yesterday.

But Erekat will not be included in upcoming high-level Israeli-Palestinian meetings, they added.

The sources said Erekat was angered by the back-channel talks being conducted by Palestinian Legislative Council speaker Ahmed Qurei with Israeli officials.

Erekat and Arafat met on Tuesday night in Gaza to discuss his role in the negotiations. The PA chairman said he wants Erekat to join him in a trip to Belgium and the United Nations that will begin tomorrow, the sources said.

But the sources said Erekat was not included in a meeting on Tuesday between Qurei and Yitzhak Molcho, adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. The sources said the Israelis prefer the positions and style of Qurei.

Erekat would not comment on his letter of resignation. But PA officials rejected the suggestion that Qurei's prominence signalled a lack of confidence in Erekat on Arafat's part.

"Dr. Erekat just met several days ago with [Israeli Cabinet Secretary] Danny Naveh," Ahmed Tibi, Arafat's adviser, told Israel Television's Arabic Service. "Occasionally, he [Arafat] will use various people for various purposes."

The Arafat-Erekat meeting took place as Palestinian security officials met with CIA representatives as part of an American effort to obtain a PA outline of its counterterrorism policy. Amin Hindi, chief of Palestinian intelligence, and Mohammed Dahlan, head of the Preventive Security Apparatus in Gaza, participated.

Hindi said the PA is insisting that any demand made by Israel, such as handing over suspected terrorists, be mutual. The Oslo agreements specify the Palestinian commitment to the transfer of the suspects.

PA Minister of International Cooperation Nabil Shaath said yesterday that Israel will not succeed in intimidating the Palestinians from declaring an independent state in May.

"We will declare a Palestinian state whatever the results," he told the Voice of Palestine. "If we don't it's as if we are accepting the continuation of occupation.

"Israel cannot launch hostilities against us," he added. "We will resist. The right of defense is given to every people and nation. We resisted in Beirut for 88 days [in the 1982 war in Lebanon]."

PA to seek support for statehood at UN

Jerusalem Post Staff

UNITED NATIONS – The Palestinians are expected to push for statehood and full membership, as well as to challenge Israel's credentials, in the newly opened session of the UN General Assembly.

The Palestinians intend to add "the right to establish an independent state" to a traditional resolution on the "right of the Palestinian people to self-determination," according to briefing materials prepared by the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine.

The first prominent statement of support for the Palestinians during this session came Monday, when Iranian President Mohammed Khatami said that peace and security in the Middle East can prevail only when all Palestinians have the right to "exercise sovereignty over their ancestral homeland."

The Palestinians have said they will reaffirm the declaration of independence of the State of Palestine in May 1999 "by the end of the five-year transitional period in accordance with the existing Palestinian-Israeli agreements," the briefing materials said. "Accordingly, the immediate issue thereafter will be the full membership of Palestine at the United Nations."

Hamas rally

Thousands of Hamas supporters attend a Gaza rally yesterday in memory of Imad and Adel Awadallah, the terrorist brothers killed by the IDF in Hebron on September 10. (Reuters)

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"The Oslo accords state clearly... that a unilateral declaration is in direct disregard of the understandings, and would in effect moot the accords," said Netanyahu, warning the PA against choosing this path. "There are no dates written in stone here, and any such action will provoke a strong reaction from us."

State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin said he thinks concluding a deal this week is unrealistic. "If by closure we mean a full agreement on the details... then that is probably a bridge too far to cross at this moment. What we are trying to do is lock in the progress on the important principles that we need to get agreement on, and then be able to move forward."

Rubin said it has not been decided whether there would be a trilateral meeting of Albright-Arafat-Netanyahu, but confirmed that Albright would be meeting separately with Arafat and again with Netanyahu.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said Arafat would arrive in New York on Saturday, and is planning to meet with Albright as soon as possible. Shaath, too, said that no date has been set for a possible Netanyahu-Arafat or a three-way meeting.

Netanyahu is due to leave New York on Sunday, within hours of Arafat's scheduled arrival, diminishing the chances of a three-way meeting. But the possibility has not been ruled out entirely.

Shaath said that members of the Palestinian negotiating team already in New York would probably sit down with their Israeli counterparts before Arafat's arrival.

Shaath also told reporters that "it's impossible to sign a withdrawal agreement" if settlement construction continues.

"Freezing the settlements is an important part of the American initiative," he said. "I want to make it clear to the Israelis we cannot go to the final-status talks when the settlements are going on like this."

Netanyahu is scheduled to deliver his speech to the General Assembly today.

'Mossad gave terrorists cancer'

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON – The Mossad may have been responsible for the fatal bouts of leukemia that has struck down Palestinian terrorists Wadi Haddad and Sabri Bana (Abu Nidal), according to the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*, to be published today.

Recalling that Mossad agents used "medical weapons" in attempting to assassinate Khaled Mashaal in Amman last year, the newsletter noted that Haddad was prominent among the masterminds of the airline hijackings in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"The Israelis tried to kill him on several occasions without success," it said. "In the mid-1970s, however, they infected him with leukemia, according to our unconfirmed report. Haddad was treated in an East German hospital, where he died." Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Aviv Bushinsky issued a statement calling the story "irresponsible."

"No such incident ever took place, and the magazine is again displaying irresponsibility when it misleads the public," the statement said.

The newsletter added that Abu Nidal, now an old man but once the world's most wanted terrorist, is now being treated for leukemia in an Egyptian hospital – and telling the Egyptian security service what he knows about Sudan-based anti-Egyptian terrorist gangs.

Abu Nidal is said to have been treated in the same hospital in East Germany as Haddad, then in Libya, and finally in Cairo.

"If our information is correct, why try to kill a sick old man by inducing cancer?" asks the newsletter. "The only explanation is that Abu Nidal is on the Israelis' hit list and an opportunity arose to gain revenge – especially for his unsuccessful attempt in 1982 to kill the Israeli ambassador to London Shlomo Argov."

French FM: Starr report is Stalinism

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) – Europeans considered the probe into President Bill Clinton's sex life nearly as odious as Stalinist show trials or the inquisitions during the Middle Ages, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said yesterday.

"It is striking to see that the Europeans are reacting very violently against this mode of inquisition that is directed against President Clinton. It is really a question of culture, civilization, possibly," he said at a breakfast for American journalists.

"It is pure and simply McCarthyism, aggravated by voyeurism," he said in answer to questions on the mushrooming scandal of Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky that has raised calls for impeachment on allegations of a cover-up and possible perjury.

Vedrine said "comparisons have even been made with Stalinism, the inquisition trials," adding that "none of the arguments of transparency or openness is really accepted in Europe."

"Europeans want to see President Clinton resist simply for the future of democracy in the world," he continued, adding that even people who disagree with US policy think the probe has gone too far.

Asked why Europeans would consider lying and perjury synonymous with the future of democracy, Vedrine said: "It is not perceived as being the issue. We can't call upon these major principles just over anything."

Vedrine also likened the mass of information released on Clinton's sexual escapades to the inquisition trials in the Middle Ages "when you can pick on anyone using this process."

"Does it weaken the role of the US?" he said. "I see no sign of that for the time being. There are many complex problems in the world that were not able to be solved even before these events, and we shouldn't confuse the two."

In Paris, meanwhile, a group of international entertainers and intellectuals also threw their support behind Clinton.

"The democratically-elected president of a free nation has been subjected for eight months to inquisitorial harassment by a fanatical prosecutor with unlimited power," the 67 signatories said in a statement published by *Le Monde*.

The campaigners included Nobel Peace Prize-winners Desmond Tutu and Jose Ramos Horta, Nobel Literature winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Nobel Physics laureate Pierre-Gilles de Gennes.

They appealed to the American people to support Clinton.

"Kenneth Starr's arbitrary and unfair procedures must not have the upper hand. Victory in America over this prosecutor will be victory for those across the world who support the principles of freedom," they said, adding that Starr is breaking the "sacred right" to privacy.

"The judicial show orchestrated by Prosecutor Starr is only a cover. His real fight is political. Backed by the extreme right, he is seeking to undermine President Clinton's ideas of freedom and his social and liberal program," the statement said.

Appeal signatories included film stars Anthony Hopkins, Gerard Depardieu, Vannessa Redgrave, Emma Thompson, and Jeanne Moreau.

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However, the police team stated, there is evidence that Manbar himself had tried to manipulate the information he had from the start to influence the course of events. He had known about Yanai's friendship with Strashnov, the team stated.

It is for Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel to decide whether to further prosecute Manbar, they said, in view of the heavy sentence already meted out to him.

At the same time, the police ruled out allegations of conversations between Strashnov and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in an attempt to influence the verdict.

The various allegations of obstruction of justice surfaced in July, in a complicated series of cross charges, shortly before Manbar's verdict was due to be handed down.

At that time, Zichroni asked that Strashnov remove himself. In a petition to the High Court, Zichroni charged that Strashnov had maintained a close relationship with Yanai and that he talked to her frequently about the case. He also accused Strashnov of being in touch with Netanyahu about the case.

Strashnov denied the charges. Yanai, for her part, said Zichroni had hired her precisely because he knew that she had close ties with Strashnov and thought he could exploit this to Manbar's advantage. She was dismissed from the Manbar defense team.

Netanyahu's name came up in connection with a phone call, recorded by Francine Manbar, the spy's wife.

In the recording, which was leaked to the media, Yanai told Manbar that, if her husband was convicted, Netanyahu would tell reporters that the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had failed to arrest him because he was a Labor Party supporter.

Yanai said she heard this from Shai Bazak, at the time spokesman to Netanyahu. Later Yanai admitted she had lied "to raise Francine's morale." At the time, Bazak denied the allegation, while Yanai accused Zichroni of leaking the tape to the press. The police report states: "There was no evidence of any contact between the prime minister and the judge during the trial...We are sorry the prime minister's name got mixed up in this affair without any basis."

The police report describes Yanai as "ambitious without limits, obsessive in attaining her ends, and not reticent to lie if it will further her goals. Pninat Yanai lied to her client, Nahum Manbar and his wife Francine, throughout the trial... exploited in the most unseemly fashion the ties that had remained between her and the judge."

On July 16, Manbar was sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment after being found guilty of passing know-how to the enemy that could harm state security.

Zichroni reacted by saying that "the police are not the address for deciding whether or not there were ethical defects involved. That is a matter of behavior and, as such, has to be decided by the High Court."

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Shelef's daughter files NIS 5m. abuse suit

The 21-year-old daughter of Yehuda Shelef, who is accused of killing and dismembering schoolgirl Nava Elimelech 16 years ago, filed a NIS 5 million civil suit against him yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court claiming damages for sexual and emotional abuse throughout her childhood.

Shelef was originally convicted of charges, filed by his ex-wife, that he had molested their children. He was cleared on appeal to the Supreme Court.

However, the court took note that the daughter's evidence against her father was impaired by severe emotional distress she had suffered.

In her suit, the daughter claims Shelef would molest her when her mother, a nurse, was at work.

She also claims he isolated her from children her age, denied her any social activity, and constantly beat her.

In support of her suit, the daughter has submitted a series of drawings she made as a child, in which her home is depicted as a prison, and a number of poems she wrote describing how she hates the world and herself, and her life has no worth.

The material is supported by a professional evaluation from the daughter's high school.

Shelef has been under house arrest since last week.

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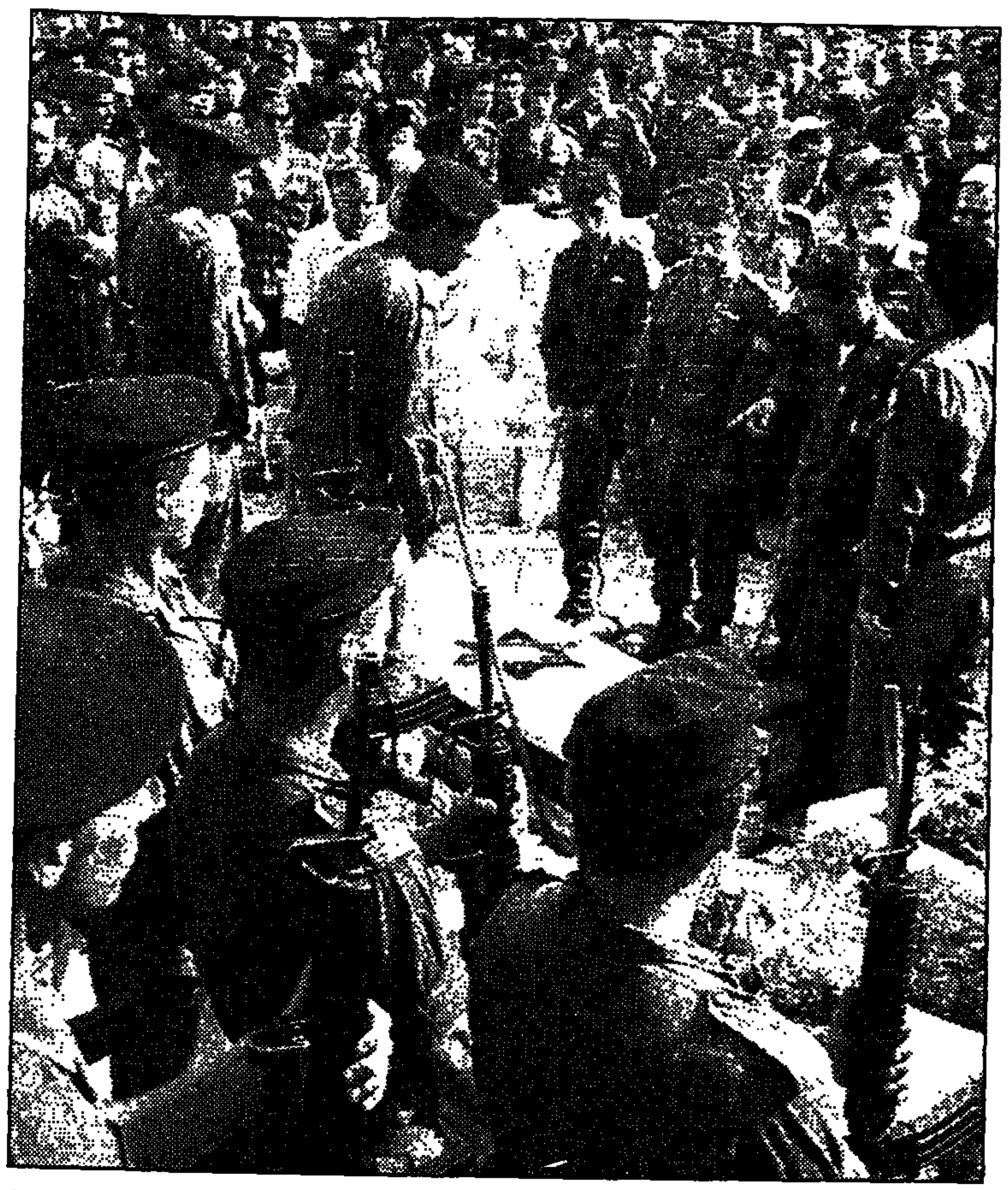

Paratroop Sgt. Eran Ariel is laid to rest at Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery in Jerusalem yesterday.
(Brian Hendler)

IDF accident inquiries set

By DAVID RUDGE and LIAT COLLINS

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi has appointed a board of inquiry to investigate the deaths on Monday of Sgt. Eran Ariel, 19, of Jerusalem and Sgt. Omer Eshed, 19, of Kfar Sava, both paratroopers, who died when their armored personnel carrier plunged 300 meters over a cliff in The announcement of the inquiry was made as the two soldiers were laid to rest yesterday, Ariel on Mt. Herzl and Eshed at the Kfar Sava Military Cemetery. Hundreds of relatives and comrades-in-arms attended.

The Northern Command's board of inquiry is to be headed by Col. Dror Rofeh. Meanwhile, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, who has stated his intention to crack down on accidents, is to conduct his own inquiry into the APC crash and two other accidents that occurred in south Lebanon and along the northern border during Rosh Hashana.

In one, a soldier was hit on the head by the barrel of a tank at an IDF outpost in the eastern sector of the security zone. He was released from hospital yesterday.

In the other incident, a soldier was accidentally shot and moderately wounded by a comrade near the Biranit base on the northern border.

The Military Police, Ground Forces Command, and the Safety Management section of the IDF are also involved in the inquiries as well as Northern Command.

MKs differed yesterday over whether such military accidents should be done by the IDF of by an outside panel.

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz), a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said there is a chance the IDF would whitewash accidents.

"There is a risk of investigations not being fully exploited to reach those responsible," he said. "We are far from being satisfied that all the facts are revealed and that investigations reach the full truth at any price, even when it is very high. I am demanding that the complete reasons for these accidents be found, and when someone is responsible this must also be uncovered."

Ariel Chertok, from the Parents of Soldiers group, told Israel Radio there had typically in the past been cover-ups within the IDF, and he called for an outside body to hold the inquiries.

Cohen, however, said the question of whether investigations should be taken out of military hands is "very complicated."

He said it is possible that if investigations are placed in the hands of an external body the IDF would be on the defensive and attempt to hide facts rather than use the information to prevent future accidents, which is the main point of the inquiry.

Former chief military judge advocate Brig.-Gen. (res.) Dov Sheffi told Israel Radio that the military has the means of investigating and prosecuting itself.

He also said that under a new amendment to the law, information given by soldiers during the internal inquiry into an accident cannot be used to incriminate them in court.

This is considered a means of encouraging soldiers to give information which could save lives in the future.

"I am convinced that the IDF carries out the investigations in the most effective and efficient way," Sheffi said.

MK Uzi Landau (Likud), chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said there had been a drop in accidents in the military over recent years.

Landau said although there is no room for complacency, the relationship should be examined between the number of accidents and the quantity of operational and training activities, as it could be that increased accidents reflect more activities.

He said every accident should be thoroughly checked and noted a sub-committee headed by Moledet MK and former major-general Rehavam Ze'evi receives a report on the inquiry into every serious accident and "near-miss" incident.

Mofaz has said he will ensure all accidents are investigated and cases of negligence prosecuted.

Expert: Watchdog body should oversee IDF accident inquiries

By DAVID RUDGE

A parliamentary or public watchdog body should be set up to oversee the results of IDF inquiries into all forms of accidents, according to Prof. Stuart Cohen, a senior research fellow at Bar-Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies

He said that the main task of such a body should be to ensure that the recommendations of such inquiries are implemented. He stressed, however, that the IDF itself is best equipped to conduct the inquiries.

Cohen maintained that overall there has been a general decline in the number of fatalities and casualties as a result of accidents in the army in the 1990s. This, he said, is partly due to a greater awareness in the IDF, which is perhaps partially due to increased public involvement and pressure.

"One example, is the establishment about two years ago of the Safety Management section, which has taken this issue very seriously and which organizes courses and lectures to try to ensure that soldiers and officers adhere to safety regulations," he said.

Despite increased public involvement, however, Cohen disagrees with those politicians who have called for inquiries into military accidents to be conducted by outside bodies.

"In the aftermath of accidents, there are two phases, the first of which is the investigative stage. I personally believe that the IDF is best equipped to handle this," he said. "I don't think that an outside body is as well equipped, in terms of expertise, to investigate incidents such as those that happened over over Rosh Hashana.

"The second phase, after the investigation, is the feedback stage, in which whatever findings and conclusions are reached have to be put into the system to try to prevent a recurrence of that particular kind of accident, or lead to steps being taken to minimize them.

"Here, I believe there is a case for a more structured public framework for ensuring that accountability of the military to the public is more formalized. Reports of committees of inquiry should not be presented at ad hoc press conferences or, as is the case at the moment, just as private reports to the parents of the soldiers involved.

"This latter aspect should continue, but there should also be a formal public body, such as the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee or the State Comptroller's Office or some kind of watchdog committee to which reports should be submitted. Such a body could make recommendations on the findings of investigations and also, at a latter stage, make its own investigation into whether the military has indeed implemented the recommendations of its inquiry," Cohen said.

State Attorney probing whether settler fired in self-defense

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Contrary to settlers' claims, the investigation into the killing of a Palestinian youth and the wounding of another by a resident of Dolev has not yet revealed whether the settler shot in self-defense, the State Attorney's Office said yesterday.

The remarks came in the wake of an announcement on Friday by the Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza that praised the actions of the settler, Avshalom Ladani, and attacked the Justice Ministry.

The state attorney was attacked for "trying to persecute the settlers."

The investigation has just begun, the state attorney said in a statement yesterday, and therefore the settlers' announcement is "based on incorrect facts and biased opinions."

In fact, it is based only on the version of Ladani, the statement says. Iyad Qarabsi, 18, died of his wounds from the gunfire near Beitunya and Mahmoud Jabarin, 16, was hospitalized with a stomach wound in Ramallah Hospital.

Moreover, the police cannot yet determine whether or not Ladani acted out of self-defense since the investigation is still in its early stages, the statement added.

The IDF has likewise not looked into the criminal aspects of the case, the statement says.

The investigation is examining how the youthswere shot, when Ladani says that he shot into the air.

It is also checking whether there were other people in the vehicle with him and whether an attempt was made to distort the facts, the statement says.

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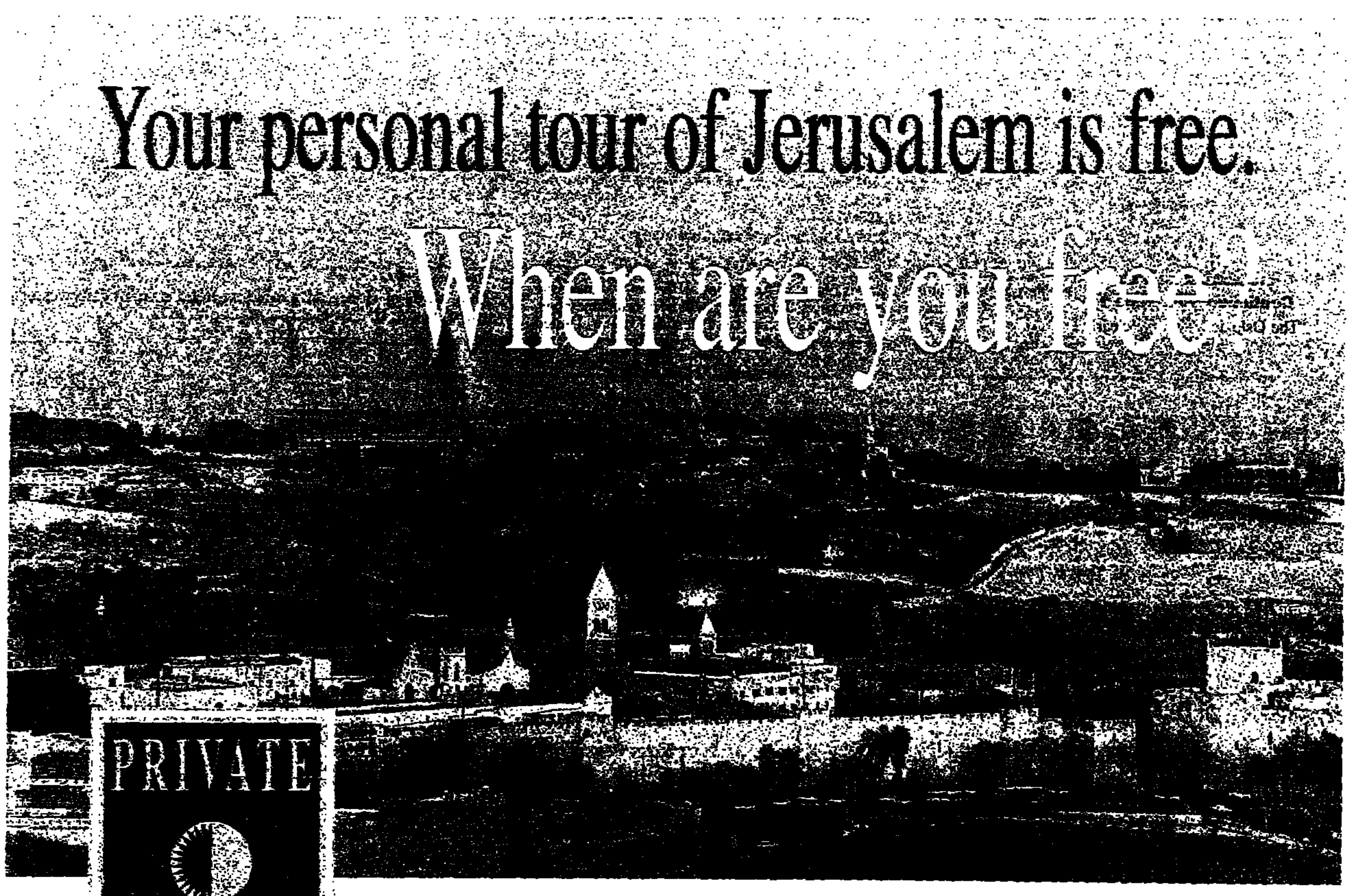

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in brief

Check your lawyer's ID

Police arrested Tommy Katz, 39, of Jerusalem on suspicion he impersonated a lawyer in hundreds of cases over the last five years. Katz, who was released on bail yesterday, was tracked down a few days ago following a complaint by lawyer Martin Katz, who went to collect his holiday gift from the Bar Association and was told another lawyer had already picked it up.

Police said Tommy Katz confessed to the impersonation and told them he represented clients for civil and personal damage suits, even before the Supreme Court, specializing in claims against the Defense Ministry. Katz told police that he had audited law lectures at the Hebrew University. *Amy Klein*

Law change would tax casino winnings

The Knesset taxation subcommittee yesterday discussed a proposed change to the Income Tax Law that would require Israelis to pay taxes on overseas casino winnings. The move comes as hundreds of Israelis have begun visiting the new casino in Jericho.

If approved, the new regulations will also call for the payment of taxes on capital gains from, among other places, the world's stock markets. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Parole board to reconsider freeing Lederman

The High Court has ordered the parole board to review its decision to grant an early release to Yisrael Lederman, sentenced to three years in prison for throwing boiling tea on MK Yael Dayan in Hebron in 1996.

Earlier this month, the Prisons Service parole board ruled that he could be set free after serving two-thirds of his term. He was due to have been released last Sunday.

In an unusual step, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein petitioned the High Court to overturn the decision, pointing out that Lederman had been convicted of previous crimes including killing an Arab in revenge for the death of a Jew and that he constitutes a danger to society. The court issued an injunction preventing the release and ordering the board to reconsider its decision in the light of Lederman's past. *Batsheva Tsur*

Court overrules sister's name on army grave

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected the petition of a bereaved father and sister, Yona and Ayelet Bargur, who asked the court to order the defense minister to allow them to add the phrase "brother of Ayelet" to the headstone of their son and brother, Capt. Ziv Bargur. The court noted that a previous ruling had permitted the addition of other family names and personal sentiments to military gravestones, but that only the parents' names may be included on the headstone. *Itim*

Court: No remand for deportation

There is no provision in the law that allows for a person's remand only to facilitate his deportation from the country, Haifa Magistrate's Court Judge Eliahu Ganon ruled yesterday. He was hearing a request to extend the remand of Olisia Leontov, 22, who was arrested at a Haifa Bay escort service. Police testified that she is suspected of being here illegally and engaging in prostitution. They requested that her remand be extended so the paperwork for her deportation could be completed. Her lawyer argued that this was not provided for in the law, and the judge agreed. *Itim*

Generali says Holocaust settlement failed over 'disharmony'

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

The $100 million Generali settlement failed because two separate avenues intended to resolve Holocaust-era claims against the Italian insurer were not "harmonized," the insurance company said in Trieste.

Generali faced claims from a class-action lawsuit filed in federal court in the US, as well as potential claims under a "memorandum of understanding" with American insurance regulators. It sought one mechanism for all claims against the company.

"The agreement over the harmonization of the claims process between the memorandum of understanding and the class-action lawsuit could not be reached," Generali vice general director Guido Pastori said in a statement.

The letter of intent between the insurer and survivors' lawyers in August called for the claims process to be harmonized "to ensure a unified and seamless avenue for relief," said the statement by Generali, which owns Migdal.

However, Linda Gerstel, a lawyer in New York representing the survivors in the class-action suit, said yesterday, "As far as we are concerned, we are trying to merge the two processes."

The number of actors in the insurance claims – like those against the Swiss banks – was high. There is a class-action lawsuit against a dozen European insurers, including Generali.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners, representing the insurance regulators in all 50 states – many of whom are elected officials – have a "memorandum of understanding" with European insurers to resolve Holocaust-era insurance claims.

The "memorandum of understanding" was ratified last week in New York at the national meeting of the insurance regulators, but it did not include a provision, sought by Generali, to merge claims against the Italian company.

Shortly after the Generali settlement was announced, Washington State Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn objected to the settlement, saying: "We cannot allow individual insurance carriers to cap their liability unfairly."

Senn, who is on the regulators' task force dealing with the claims, noted that only three months earlier, the World Jewish Congress estimated that the total insurance benefits looted by the Nazis and their collaborators were in the billions of dollars in 1945 currency.

Pastori said in his statement that Generali would participate in the insurance regulators' commission.

Generali maintains that the $100 million was a "good will contribution" to fulfill the insurer's "moral commitment" to the victims of the Holocaust.

The company maintains that it has no legal obligation to pay on outstanding war-era claims from its subsidiaries that were nationalized by communist regimes after the war.

In response to Generali's step, MK Michael Kleiner (Likud) demanded yesterday that the government freeze the assets of Migdal, which Generali has recently purchased for $200 million.

"It is clear that these assets need to be frozen and maybe, at a later stage, if an agreement is not worked out with Generali, sold as part of the money given to the families of victims," Kleiner told Israel Radio.

Kleiner also reiterated a demand that Generali post the names of policy holders on the Internet so heirs and Holocaust survivors can check whether they are entitled to money.

Motti Sherf, a spokesman for the Insurance Commissioner Doron Shorer said freezing Migdal's assets would fall outside the commissioner's jurisdiction and would require special legislation.

Kleiner also criticized an earlier decision to present Generali President Antoine Bernheim with an award for having contributed to the Israeli economy. Dozens of international business leaders are to receive the "Jubilee Award," along with Bernheim.

Kleiner said it is "shocking to think that Generali's president will receive an award from the prime minister for buying an Israeli company with funds stolen from Jews."

'Free Vanunu'

One of several groups demonstrates yesterday outside the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem calling to release nuclear spy Mordechai Vanunu from prison. Vanunu, 43, a former nuclear technician at the Dimona plant, was sentenced to 18 years in 1986 and was denied parole in May. A Norwegian group said it presented the Prime Minister's Office with a petition signed by a million members of 65 organizations calling for Vanunu's release. (Brian Hendler)

Groups gather to clean up marine pollution

By LIAT COLLINS

It might seem like a drop in the ocean, but Israeli groups are participating in several efforts to clean up marine pollution this week and next.

The Greenpeace ship *Sirius* will dock at Haifa and Ashdod ports. Visitors can tour the boat, watch films, see an exhibition on marine pollution and sign a petition calling for the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and Protocols banning industrial and toxic discharges into the sea.

The ship is on a tour of the Mediterranean area as part of the activities marking the UN-declared Year of the Oceans.

The ship is scheduled to hold an open day in Ashdod tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. It is then due to sail past a party marking the Year of the Oceans to be held at the Tel Aviv port.

It will hold another open day, in Haifa, on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and events from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. aimed at the religious public.

Also tomorrow the Environment Ministry is sponsoring a land and underwater clean-up effort at the ancient harbor in Caesarea.

The campaign will involve some 30 divers and about 100 school student members of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan is scheduled to sign, in the presence of the Canadian ambassador, the Ocean Charter, a covenant initiated by the Canadian government.

On Saturday, the SPNI is holding an underwater clean-up campaign off the Carmel coast at Bat Galim. The campaign is part of the effort to save the beaches and the Shikmona Reef in the area which are under threat from real estate development, as well as pollution.

The general public is invited to participate, and there will be free snorkeling guided tours in the area.

In the South next week, Ecopeace – with the help of other green groups – is holding different activities as part of the Sixth Annual Clean-Up the World event.

On Sunday, volunteers will clean the south beach working northwards from Taba. A joint team of Israeli and Jordanian divers will carry out an underwater clean-up off the north beach.

On October 1-2, the Israeli divers are scheduled to cross into Jordan for a reciprocal effort in Akaba.

Hospitals put off sanctions

By JUDY SIEGEL

The looming financial crisis in the government and voluntary hospitals was put off yesterday for a few weeks, as Health Minister Yehoshua Matza received permission from the Finance Ministry to loan the hospitals NIS 125 million to pay for supplies and services till the end of Succot.

Without his last-minute intervention, the hospitals were due today to be run on an emergency schedule, as suppliers said that because of the hospitals' debts, they would stop providing blood, equipment, drugs and services.

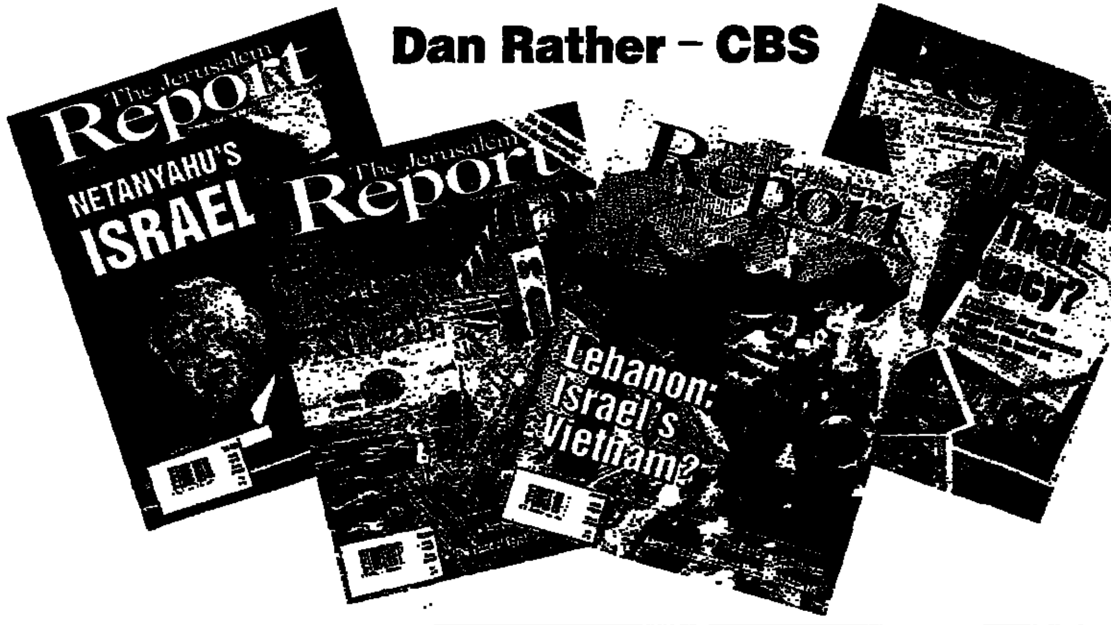
The hospitals' dire financial problems result from the health funds' deficits, which are partially due to the Treasury's failure to pay some NIS 500 million in debts and loans that it had promised the insurers.

Before meeting with Treasury officials and government hospital directors, Matza instructed Magen David Adom to supply all the hospitals with blood "without condition," even during the holidays and despite the institutions' debts to MDA.

The blood supply and first-aid organization agreed, but said that after Succot hospitals that had not covered their debts would have to pay on the spot to get additional blood; in emergencies, however, blood would be supplied.

The government hospitals will receive a Health Ministry loan of NIS 100m. immediately, while the voluntary hospitals (including Hadassah-University Hospitals, Shaare Zedek, Bikur Holim and Laniado) will get a total of NIS 25m.

The issue is supposed to be discussed again when Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu returns home from the US next week.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A sweeter New Year

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, accompanied by Na'amat chairwoman Hedva Almog, gives a jar of honey to a resident of a Na'amat battered women's shelter near Tel Aviv on a New Year's visit yesterday. Kahalani said the police has undergone 'a revolution' and is 'more receptive to complaints' of domestic violence 'and has professionals who can field them.' (Yisrael Malovny)

Gov't approves discounts up to 75% on public housing

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

Some 88,000 government apartments will be offered to those currently renting them at a discount of up to 75 percent, and grants of up to NIS 20,000 will also be offered, Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush announced yesterday at a press conference in Tel Aviv.

Coalition chairman MK Meir Sheetrit, who has pushed the new plan, also attended.

The offer is to last three years, and the cabinet decided at its meeting on Sunday to begin the sale at large discounts. Sheetrit said he expected some 10,000 apartments would be sold each year over the three-year period.

Those living along the confrontation line will be given a NIS 20,000 grant, with slightly lower grants given to those living in Project Renewal neighborhoods elsewhere.

In addition, discounts totaling NIS 3,000 per resident for every full year of residence in the apartment will be offered, and other discounts will be available, with the ceiling set at 75% of the apartment's market value.

Sheetrit said he does not believe the apartments will all be grabbed up immediately. At present 61% of those living in public housing pay NIS 65 a month rent, he said, while another 22% pay NIS 290. These individuals will not be able to raise the money to buy their apartments, even with the discounts, he noted.

Housing Ministry officials are to seek solutions for some 2,000 families of disabled individuals or those with other problems who have been waiting to purchase government-owned housing, but have been unable to do so because of the number of available apartments purchased by those currently living in them.

Meanwhile, an Absorption Ministry spokesman said yesterday that Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein had been promised that the number of public housing solutions to be offered to the ministry would be no lower than the average offered over the past three years.

A team headed by Prime Minister's Office director-general Moshe Leon is also to present a report within 60 days on alternative housing solutions for new immigrants, among them significantly increasing mortgages and long-term rentals.

Recommendations will also be made regarding housing for elderly immigrants.

Technion succeeds in its first superconductor space test

By STEVE RODAN

The Technion has completed what it termed the first successful test of superconductive materials in space on the university's Techsat satellite, an achievement scientists say gives Israel a headstart in the international race to increase the power of communications satellites.

The Technion conducted a series of experiments that began on August 19 in which a communications package that contained a superconductive circuit, receiver, and cryocooler operated in space. Researchers said the purpose was to test the affects of radiation and vacuum on superconductive materials.

"First, you must check out whether these materials are stable over the life of a satellite, which is 10 to 15 years," said physics Prof. Emil Polturak, who headed the experiment. "This is the first step that must be done."

Superconductors are materials that under certain temperatures virtually eliminate electrical resistance. The result is that far less power is required. In a communications satellite, for example, superconductive components can operate on a much smaller frequency range and as a result increase the number of channels.

Two other consortiums, one led by the US Naval Laboratory and a German group, are preparing to launch satellites to prove the feasibility of superconductivity in space. But the microsatellite Techsat allowed researchers to quickly prepare and launch the payload to beat their competitors.

"Our advantage is that we can do it very fast because the satellite is small," Polturak said. "We couldn't put up a very large experiment so we had to keep it small and get what we want."

The limited size and power of Techsat had its disadvantages, however. A superconductive communications package developed by Rafael, the Armament Development Authority, on high frequency band was scrapped because it used too much power. The replacement was a low-frequency band developed by the Technion with a 12 watt electricity supply and cooled by a device produced by Rikor of Kibbutz Ein Harod.

Techsat was launched on July 10 and contains several experiments, most of which have not been announced. Polturak said he expects more experiments on superconductivity and that within five years satellites will begin carrying payloads composed of superconductors.

Lapidot assumes Technion Presidency

Amos Lapidot (Galmi Amram)

Former IAF chief Amos Lapidot will take over as new president at the Technion today, replacing Prof. Zehev Tadmor, who held the post for the past eight years.

The ceremony will be held in the presence of President Ezer Weizman, and the new Technion president will officially take office on October 1.

On that date, most of the Technion's board will change.

In addition to the president, there will be a provost – Prof. Daniel Weiss – who will be in charge of academic matters. A Technion graduate in aeronautical engineering, he has served as dean of master's studies there.

Judy Siegel

Zionist youth groups said threatened by haredi funding

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The decision by the Education Ministry to fund haredi youth movements will force branches of Zionist youth movements in poor parts of the country to shut down, Shmuel Abuav, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities' education committee, warned yesterday.

Meanwhile the Council of Youth Movements is to convene today in Tel Aviv to hear reports on how the proposed change in criteria will affect the Zionist youth movements, if at all, and to decide what steps to take regarding the matter.

In a position paper issued by the ULA yesterday, Abuav said: "The Education Ministry this year is financing 12 Zionist youth movements at a cost of NIS 26 million. Now NIS 5 million of this will go to the haredi youth movements, meaning a significant cut in the budgets of the Zionist youth movements, which will force them to close down their branches in distressed neighborhoods."

Abuav called for the formation of a lobby of educators, social scientists, and the settlement movement to act to cancel Education Minister Yitzhak Levy's decision.

Abuav said the haredi organizations are financially supported by the Education Ministry and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, despite the fact that they don't meet the criteria for funding of youth organizations. Their ideas contradict the Zionist, pioneering approach and should not be considered for funding the same way as the other youth movements, he said.

There are currently some 257,000 youngsters in the Zionist and religious Zionist youth movements, in some 1,872 branches, 335 of them in development towns or poor areas. "Because of economic problems, branches in poor areas are closing, expressly in those places where such youth culture activities are needed," he said.

Some 100,000 haredi youngsters belong to six haredi youth organizations, according to Abuav: 39,000 to Bnot Agudat Israel, 3,500 to Agudat Israel Youth, 11,000 to Prachei Hadegel, 20,000 to Bnei Hayil, and the others to the Or Lanoar and Hanoch organizations. In 1997, they received NIS 1.9 million from the Religious Affairs Ministry , according to Abuav, and a similar sum from the Education Ministry, but a petition to the High Court of Justice forced them to return the latter sum.

The ULA reported that in some places, the youth movements often form the only type of recreational activity available. Their small budget requires parents and local authorities to help fund their activities, and any cut will only increase that burden, or force their closure.

Group vows to fight for better education for Arabs

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

A coalition of parents groups and MKs has vowed to continue the fight to improve the sorry state of education in the Arab sector in the Negev.

The declaration came following a recent study day attended by MKs, educators and parents focusing on the serious problems in these schools.

More than 50 percent of the flammable classrooms reported by the Israel Parents Association are located in the Arab sector, Shai Lachman, chairman of the association said, many in Beduin communities.

There are still schools in Beduin communities in the South where there is no water or electricity. Serious problems also exist regarding the level of teaching, and many schools lack school psychologists or advisers.

The Katz Committee, appointed by then education minister Zevulun Hammer last year to look into the education system in the Arab sector, was asked to make its recommendations by last September, but only presented them this past January.

They recommended the implementation of a five-year program aimed at improving the physical infrastructure and level of teaching in the schools, adding studies in technology and science, and improving special education.

But according to Dr. Hala Hazzan-Espanioly, chairman of the committee monitoring the five-year program, the government has essentially failed to implement it. She said that NIS 250 million was supposed to have been approved this year for the program, but the only agreement reached between the Treasury and the Education Ministry was for building some 100 new classrooms for the entire Arab sector, not just in the South.

She said Education Minister Yitzhak Levy had promised not to support the state budget if the funding for the program was not included, "but what actually happened is that he supported the budget, even though the money isn't there."

A spokesman for Levy said the money for the 100 classrooms "is a start, and for that reason the minister agreed to support the budget."

At last week's conference, Dr. Itzik Tomer, director of the ministry's southern district, said: "I am aware of the fact that I have inherited a difficult situation, and a great deal of money will be needed to find solutions for the education system in the Arab sector in the South.

"The current situation is one of discrimination, and we must work together to address how to solve the difficult problems we face," he added. Tomer said "large budgets" are necessary to solve these problems.

Police question MK A-Sanaa for inciting violence

By LIAT COLLINS

Scores of Beduin protested outside the Negev police station where MK Taleb A-Sanaa (Democratic Arab party) was questioned yesterday. He was being investigated for allegedly inciting violence and calling for revenge of the death of Suleiman Jalidan, 22, a Beduin man shot by a Nature Protection and National Parks Authority warden just over a month ago.

At a press conference after Jalidan was killed, A-Sanaa said avenging a death is a Beduin tradition and that the NPNPA warden should fear for his life.

Among the demonstrators was Jalidan's father who protested that A-Sanaa was being questioned while the warden had been released on bail.

A-Sanaa was questioned for about 90 minutes. Afterward he gave reporters conflicting answers on whether he had retracted what he had said. At first he told journalists, "I said one thing is clear: That if the law won't protect us, it is our right to protect ourselves. Self-defense is a right protected by law. I was asked about Beduin law and I told them about it."

Later, however, A-Sanaa told reporters his statements at the press conference had been "taken out of context and distorted. I clearly said that we are in favor of the rule of law and order but someone who immediately releases a murderer without his being held even 24 hours is against the rule of law."

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Groundless war

The Region

Barry Rubin

An Islamic radical wrote: What more could the United States ask for than a war between Iran and Afghanistan?

It's usually just a small step from saying a battle between two self-proclaimed Islamic states is good for American (or Israeli) interests to insisting the crisis is a conspiracy. Still, in this case, there can be no doubt that there are real conflicts between the two regimes.

First, let's talk about the problem's roots.

The most immediate cause of the crisis between the two countries was the killing of Iranian diplomats in Afghanistan. On capturing a key Shi'a city, the Taliban militia's forces reportedly violated the sanctity of Iran's consulate and murdered both refugees and Iranian personnel. One might pause here to savor the irony of Iran going to war to protest a violation of diplomatic immunity.

Next, there are both ethnic and *Sunni-Shi'a* differences within Afghanistan. Some groups in the western part of the country are culturally Persian, others are also Shi'a. Although Iran preaches a universal and all-embracing Islamic revolution, it is really just as much moved by national and sectarian considerations.

In short, Iran has appointed itself as protector of Shi'a Muslims. Even during the Soviet occupation, well over a decade ago, Iran was supporting Shi'a militias within Afghanistan and carving out a sphere of influence for itself. Having these clients crushed by an anti-Shi'a Taliban regime does not suit Iran's self-image or interests.

WILL IRAN actually send troops across the border? Probably not. It has enough internal economic problems already. And Afghanistan is not a good place to invade, partly because of terrain (though some of the land adjacent to Iran is rather flat), certainly because of the fierce resistance, and largely because it is too poor to offer anything of value.

Anyway, Iran has a better method. By arming, sponsoring and training Afghan Shi'a rebels – with a sprinkling of Iranian "volunteers" – Teheran can have a low-cost, high-deniability way to subvert the Taliban.

What is most interesting is how the Islamic ideology proclaimed by both Teheran and the Taliban has become a major cause of dispute. This often happens when movements or countries proclaim themselves supporters of the same ideology.

Remember Pan-Arab nationalism? Remember those anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist brothers Saddam Hussein and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini? Remember the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of China? Remember how Syria treated the PLO in Syria?

Not the best of friends.

Here let me inject a true anecdote from a dinner at the Chinese embassy in Washington many years ago. The host began with an attack on the dishonesty and aggressiveness of the USSR, followed by a denunciation of the treacherous Vietnamese.

I had to stop myself from saying, "You're right! You just can't trust those Communists!" From our local perspective, one must be careful to take all the radical rhetoric and threats at face value.

And here's another, parallel point: countries don't actually attack neighbors they believe to be stronger. Saddam thought – mistakenly – that Iran was about to crumble. He was right about Kuwait's weakness, of course, but not about its friends' willingness to stand by and do nothing.

For Iran to be a bully, Afghanistan is the perfect target.

All this also implies that the Middle East's border is moving further east. In India, our part of the world is called "West Asia" to indicate its proximity to their own South Asian neighborhood.

Whether or not Iran and Afghanistan fight an open or covert war, it is still another reminder to the region that not everything revolves around a steadily declining Arab-Israeli conflict.

In fact, the existence of so many disputes and distractions among Israel's enemies has always been a major and determining feature of that conflict. This far-off crisis is still another example of that pattern.

Albright seeks world support for tougher stance against Iraq

By JOHN M. GOSHKO

High on Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's agenda this week at the UN General Assembly will be Washington's quest for international support for the next round of opposition to what it calls the continuing threat posed by Iraq's defiance of the United Nations.

But unless Baghdad makes some new, catastrophic misstep, Washington will find few allies for its view that UN members should be prepared to take drastic measures, including the use of force, to compel Iraq to comply with Security Council resolutions.

If Iraq maintains its path of confrontation, many diplomats here agree, the US almost certainly will face a choice of going it alone in using force or retreating to a containment policy that is likely to weaken backing over time for the economic embargo that is the principal UN weapon against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's regime.

Albright will be handicapped in appealing for a tough and united international stance because of confusion and doubt about the US commitment to its long campaign against Iraq.

Spurring this uncertainty was the US reaction to Iraq's August 3 announcement that it was ceasing cooperation with efforts by UN inspectors to search for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

As recently as last February, the US had responded to such provocations by threatening massive military retaliation. This time, though, Washington remained conspicuously silent about the imminent use of force, while denying for more than a month that this silence signaled any change in the US approach to Iraq.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein chairing a joint sesson last week of the Revolution Command Council and the Regional Command of the Ba'ath Party after a government decision to ask the UN Security Council to rescind its resolution of September 9 on further inspections of Iraqi sites. (AP)

IN RECENT days, the Clinton administration has revised its explanations. It insists that its goals – eliminating Iraq's prohibited weapons and maintaining tough sanctions – remain unchanged.

But it acknowledges international divisions about the best way to deal with Iraq. The US has elected to concentrate not on threats of air and missile attacks but on winning over the fragmented 15-nation Security Council.

"We are moving in a very deliberate way to build support and to make it clear that what Saddam Hussein is doing is unacceptable and that Security Council resolutions have to be enforced," Martin Indyk, assistant secretary of state for Mideast affairs, told the House International Relations Committee last week.

Asserting that the administration has not abandoned the military option, he added: "Should it become clear that the Security Council is not prepared to live up to its obligations in this regard, then . ...we will have a free hand to act."

But Indyk also acknowledged what everyone at the UN knows but administration officials previously had been reluctant to admit publicly.

"Today, outside the United States, not a single country in the world is calling for the use of force to respond to Saddam Hussein's latest refusal to cooperate with [UN inspections]," he said. "Not a single country in the world is now calling for the use of force to deal with Saddam Hussein's current blatant violation of Security Council resolutions."

Indyk then gave a frank accounting of the reasons: Other countries, including Iraq's neighbors, don't feel threatened by Baghdad's weapons; Arab governments fear that backing the US against Iraq will expose them to the wrath of their populaces; other nations are suffering "fatigue with the whole issue and would prefer it to go away."

These same factors are cited by UN diplomats and bureaucrats to explain that while some countries would like to see Iraq cooperate with council resolutions – and would maintain sanctions that cause hardships for millions of Iraqis – there are sharp limits on how far these countries are willing to go, and military action stands well outside these boundaries.

CORRECTLY or not, the working assumption among most delegations at the UN is that the Clinton administration also has lost its zeal for a shooting war with Iraq.

Diplomats here cite the White House's preoccupation with the scandal enveloping President Bill Clinton and its reluctance to expose American forces to harm before the upcoming US congressional elections as good reasons for supposing that the administration also has been overtaken by "fatigue" with the Iraq issue.

Most countries are delighted by what they perceive as the more-pacific American attitude, and they are eager to do what they can to encourage it.

That, diplomatic sources say, was a major factor in the Security Council's action last week in suspending the council's practice of reviewing the sanctions every 60 days. Now they will be kept automatically in place as long as Iraq refuses to cooperate with weapons inspections.

In his testimony, Indyk hailed that as a sign that the American effort to build support is succeeding. And Iraq appeared to back him up by threatening to end its remaining vestiges of cooperation on inspections if the council does not rescind its action.

Diplomatic sources here note, though, that since Iraq clearly is defying the world body, even its sympathizers on the Security Council would be unable to justify lifting the sanctions if they had continued to come up for periodic review.

The reality, these sources say, is that the vote to suspend the reviews was partly to encourage the US to continue its measured approach.

IN fact, an emphasis on gradual measures currently distinguishes all UN activity involving Iraq.

Much of it clearly is designed to put off a confrontation while the US and those major powers that advocate a more-flexible approach to Iraq – Russia, France and China – are locked in a seemingly unbreakable stalemate about what to do next.

The focus now is on a proposal by Secretary General Kofi Annan for the Security Council and Iraq to engage in a "comprehensive review" of their relations in hope that this might provide a way out of the impasse.

The council endorsed the idea, provided that Iraq stops blocking inspections, and Annan is soliciting views about what the review should cover.

Sources familiar with these talks say Iraq's sympathizers want the review to focus on the possibility of easing sanctions in exchange for Iraqi cooperation.

The US insists on including such issues as human-rights abuses and such unresolved issues from Iraq's 1990 occupation of neighboring Kuwait as the fate of missing Kuwaiti prisoners of war and the restoration of stolen Kuwaiti property.

Even if these differences are resolved, a comprehensive review is unlikely any time soon because the council has specified that it can take place only after Iraq has complied with its obligations, and there is no indication that Iraq has any intention of doing that.

THE most likely outcome is that the US will have to choose between striking at Iraq on its own or folding its hand and deciding that sanctions are the practical limit of how far it can go in containing Saddam Hussein.

Over time, that is likely to work in Iraq's favor, because those countries sympathetic to Baghdad could be expected eventually to break the embargo, and the UN would be powerless to stop them.

Indyk, echoing earlier statements by Albright, indicated in his testimony that if the Security Council fails to act, the administration will ensure that there are what he called "serious consequences" for Iraq.

But Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, Ind., the ranking Democrat on the committee and usually a supporter of the administration, noted the domestic and foreign uncertainty about US intentions, and added: "There are those who might say that that's an empty threat." (The Washington Post)

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Military death toll rises in Lesotho conflict

A Botswanan soldier watches looters pillage a shop in downtown Maseru, Lesotho yesterday, as violence continued for the second day after troops from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) moved in to quell a rebellion by dissident troops. (AP)

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) – South Africa said yesterday 49 fighters on both sides died in the first 24 hours of its intervention in Lesotho and vowed to intensify the campaign against mutinous soldiers in the mountain kingdom.

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) said in a statement released in Pretoria that nine South African soldiers had been killed and 17 wounded by the early hours yesterday.

"The casualties of dissident Lesotho Defence Force militants as observed are approximately 40," the SANDF said.

The South African statement made no mention of civilian casualties, but the director of a local hospital told reporters yesterday at least eight people had died in his wards. It was not clear whether any or all of them were soldiers.

Three journalists have been amongst the casualties.

A South African Broadcasting Corporation cameraman and Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Greg Marinovich were wounded on Tuesday. Sam Kiley, African correspondent for *The Times* of London, was shot in the shoulder on Wednesday by an armed youth.

South African government ministers have said Pretoria and Botswana responded on Tuesday to an appeal for help from Lesotho Prime Minister Pakalitha Mosisili, who said he had lost control of the army.

The casualties were the first suffered by South Africa's defence force since white rule ended in 1994 and Nelson Mandela became the country's first black president.

The South African statement said the combined task force faced fierce resistance at two military bases held by dissidents demanding the resignation of Mosisili's government.

"[Our forces] have suffered heavy losses as a result of the aggressive resistance they have encountered to date, and now have no alternative but to make more use of the force available," the South Africans said.

"However, the prime objective is still to use minimum force where no alternatives are left."

The SANDF said it won control of the Katse Dam construction project in the Lesotho highlands after meeting "unexpected heavy resistance from well-armed militants."

The Ratjemose military base was wrested from militant control after an intense clash in which the South Africans were attacked with machineguns and anti-aircraft weapons.

In the heaviest encounter, the combined intervention force encountered fierce opposition at the Makonyane Military base.

"The terrain here is such that hiding, ambush and firing positions could well be established on the high ground, which dominates the area around the base.

"Some militants fled to the bushy areas on the higher ground.

"The reinforcements added by the inclusion of the Botswana Defence Force will enable intensification of actions by means of high visibility options," the statement said.

The South Africans said about 170 mutinous soldiers had been detained, disarmed and turned over to Lesotho authorities.

"The Combined Task Force's approach to date has been to concentrate on neutralising the militant and hostile Lesotho Defence Force dissidents, to avoid any clashes with civilian personnel, to minimise damage to property and to use minimum force in conducting this operation," the SANDF said.

The statement made no mention of how long the intervention could continue.

Hurricane Georges heads for Cuba, Florida

By ANNA WARDENBURG

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Reuters) – A weakened Hurricane Georges raged toward Cuba and populous south Florida yesterday after raining death and destruction on the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Slowed by the mountains of Hispaniola, the once-powerful hurricane headed over the Windward Passage toward Cuba with 120 kph winds but was expected to strengthen again over open water. Forecasters said it could be a major hurricane capable of causing extensive damage when it reaches Florida.

Officials issued an evacuation order for residents of the lower Florida Keys and put nearly 5 million people in south Florida on alert for hurricane conditions within 36 hours.

The death toll from Georges, which devastated the Dominican Republic on Tuesday and hit Puerto Rico earlier this week, stood at 17 and was expected to go higher.

In the Dominican Republic, the storm brought downpours of up to 60 cm of rain, killed at least 12 people and caused serious flooding before grinding over Haiti.

At 8 a.m. yesterday, the center of the storm was about 55 km south-southeast of the eastern tip of Cuba and about 975 km southeast of Key West, Florida, at latitude 19.8 north, longitude 73.8 west.

It was headed west-northwest near 24 kph on a track that was expected to take it along the north coast of Cuba and into southern Florida.

Hurricane watches or warnings – a higher state of alert – were in effect for southern Florida, most of Cuba, the Bahamas, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Turks and Caicos islands.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles declared a state of emergency in the center and south of the state in anticipation of heavy rainfall, high tides, gale-force winds and flooding.

Georges threatened to be the worst hurricane to hit south Florida since 1992's Hurricane Andrew, which caused the most damage of any storm in US history, with total losses estimated at some $25 billion.

At 7 a.m. yesterday, thousands of residents of the lower Florida Keys were ordered to evacuate and a similar order was expected for upper Keys residents later in the day. Tourists were ordered out on Tuesday.

Yugoslavia shrugs off threats, advances into rebel stronghold

By ADAM BROWN

VAGANICA, Yugoslavia (AP) – Serb forces drove deeper into the heartland of the ethnic Albanian rebellion yesterday in a defiant show of power as world leaders edged closer to intervening to stop the bloodshed.

Serb artillery boomed in the west and east of the Drenica region of central Kosovo, threatening thousands of civilians. Up to 20,000 civilians were believed trapped by the fighting.

Thousands of Serb police, Yugoslav soldiers and armed Serb civilians, many of them teenagers, patrolled nearly all routes into the Drenica region yesterday, tightening a noose on the several hundred lightly armed rebels who built a network of trenches and sandbag bunkers in the mountainous area.

The latest offensive came as the UN Security Council prepared to vote on a resolution which threatens force unless Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic halts the fighting and begins talks with ethnic Albanians on the future of the Serbian province.

Serb forces appeared intent on crushing the Kosovo Liberation Army in advance of any internationally demanded peace moves.

Russia calls Finland spy report 'misunderstanding'

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russia's Foreign Ministry yesterday expressed surprise and disappointment that two of its diplomats had been barred from Finland and said accusations the two were engaged in spying were a "misunderstanding."

Finnish authorities said earlier yesterday they were investigating an espionage case involving a Finnish Foreign Ministry official suspected of passing confidential European Union (EU) information to Russia.

"It is true that some time ago the authorities in Finland informed us by diplomatic channels that two employees of the embassy of the Russian Federation in Helsinki were declared 'persona non grata' for activities allegedly incompatible with their diplomatic status," the ministry said in a statement.

"This decision caused us bewilderment. From the Russian side, it was stated that the discussion clearly concerned a misunderstanding and hope was expressed that the decision taken by Finnish authorities would be re-examined," it said.

Seppo Nevala, head of the Finnish Security Police, said the Finnish official had been passing EU-related material and other secrets to two Russian diplomats in Helsinki, one of whom had already been asked to leave during the summer. The other had earlier left voluntarily.

"We counted on the the tradition of Russian-Finnish mutual understanding and good neighborliness. Unfortunately this did not take place," the Russian Foreign Ministry statement said.

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in brief

Seven arrested in anti-terrorist operation

LONDON (AP) – Police arrested seven men yesterday in an anti-terrorist operation, following a joint intelligence operation with the national intelligence agency, MI5.

Scotland Yard released no names and said nothing about what the men were suspected of doing. However, the British news agency Press Association said it was understood that the operation was related to alleged Islamic terrorist groups.

Armed officers were not involved in making the arrests, which were made at daybreak at seven homes, police said.

Norway PM declared fit

OSLO (Reuters) – Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik has been declared fit after 3 1/2 weeks' sick leave due to depression and will return to work today, his office said yesterday.

"Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik has been declared fit by his doctor from Thursday, September 24. That means he will resume work as premier the same day," his office said in a statement.

Bondevik, 51, an avid soccer fan and generally popular among Norwegians, went on sick leave on August 30, suffering from a "depressive reaction" to overwork. The daily *Dagbladet* said Bondevik's main problem had been an inability to sleep as his problems piled up. Most Norwegians have seemed to accept the idea of a prime minister with psychological problems.

Turkish court jails Istanbul mayor

ANKARA (Reuters) – A court yesterday upheld a 10-month jail sentence against the popular mayor of Turkey's biggest city on public order charges in a fresh legal blow to the large Islamist opposition.

"As a result of today's consultations... the ruling against Istanbul mayor Recep Tayyip Erdogan was approved by a vote of four to one," the appeals court said in a statement distributed at its headquarters in the capital.

The verdict means Erdogan, often tipped as a future national leader of the Islamist movement, looks set to lose his status as mayor and faces a lifetime ban from public office. Legal sources said the mayor was likely to be jailed in the coming weeks unless his lawyers could lodge a further last minute appeal.

Canadian Jewish sailor loses Gulf War case

OTTAWA (AP) – The Canadian military was within its rights to turn down a Jewish sailor, Andrew Liebmann, who wanted to serve in the Middle East during the Gulf War, a federal court judge ruled.

In 1990 Liebmann's commander recommended him for the position of executive assistant to the commander of the Canadian contingent in the Gulf. But just before departing, Liebmann was told he would not be going, because he was Jewish and thus might be a source of friction in dealings with Arab officials.

In his decision last Friday, Judge Paul Rouleau accepted the military's argument that the policy is intended to protect the lives of soldiers and ensure a mission is effectively carried out.

8 hospitalized after blood spills on highway

LONDON (AP) – Eight people were taken to a hospital yesterday after a tanker carrying 22 tons of blood, from cattle that were destroyed in an effort to eradicate mad cow disease, spilled on a highway.

A tanker was on a highway near Birmingham when it leaked, police said. Police Inspector Clive Isherwood said authorities believe the blood came from older cows that were destroyed as part of the government's campaign to eradicate bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. The blood was also to be destroyed. "It is not known if the blood is infected with BSE, but we are taking all precautions necessary to ensure the safety of the public," Isherwood said.

BBC launches first new TV channel in 34 years

LONDON (Reuters) – The BBC yesterday launched its first new general interest television channel in 34 years. The free channel, named BBC Choice, will offer extended coverage of sports, music, and events broadcast on the BBC's two flagship channels, BBC1 and BBC2. BBC Choice will also include live phone-in chats linked to BBC programs, catch-up screenings of the week's top shows, and special versions of the channel for Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

BBC Choice will be available free of charge as part of BSkyB's 200-channel capacity digital satellite service, due to launch on October 1, as well as future digital terrestrial and digital cable platforms.

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PARIS (AP) – Former bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the car crash that killed Princess Diana, yesterday lodged a complaint against the Ritz Hotel and the Etoile-Limousine car service for "endangering the lives of others." At the time of the August 31, 1997 crash, Rees-Jones was an employee of Ritz owner Mohammed Fayed, the father of Dodi Fayed, Diana's companion, who also died in the crash.

The driver of the car, Henri Paul, chief of security at the Ritz Hotel, who also was killed in the crash, was legally drunk and taking prescription drugs for depression at the time. Paul was not licensed to drive the Mercedes 600 sedan, provided to the Ritz by Etoile-Limousine. It remains unclear whether Ritz management was aware that Paul had been drinking and taking medication before taking the wheel.

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The rise of Germany's political chameleon

Gerhard Schroeder describes himself as neither right nor left, and if his reluctance to take sides pays off, he may become the first to dethrone a reigning chancellor, reports William Drozdiak

The story people like to tell most about Gerhard Schroeder conveys his manic ambition. Shortly after getting elected to parliament in 1980, he went carousing one night in Bonn with some friends and wandered past the chancellor's office. He grabbed the iron gate and, shaking it with relish, shouted, "I want to get in here," until the police urged him to move along.

Next Sunday, Schroeder's moment of glory may finally arrive. If he succeeds in ousting Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the 54-year-old Social Democrat will become the first candidate in modern German history to dethrone a sitting chancellor in a general election. Overnight, he would become one of the world's most powerful figures, leading Europe's largest nation and its dominant economy.

Yet, as he stands on the doorstep to what would be his ultimate triumph, Schroeder remains a mystery for many German voters. Even though he captivates television viewers with his rugged good looks, mellifluous voice and penetrating blue eyes, Schroeder has a reputation for being a political chameleon who tailors his speeches and policy prescriptions to the audience of the moment. While many Germans say they are tired of Kohl after 16 years in power and welcome the prospect of fresh leadership, they still seem uncertain about Schroeder's core beliefs and where he would steer their country.

While Schroeder has stressed he would maintain continuity in German foreign policy, any government led by him would introduce an element of uncertainty into US relations, particularly if the Greens party were part of his ruling coalition.

For the past 16 years, Kohl has enjoyed close working friendships with every US president, dating back to the Reagan administration.

By contrast Schroeder, a onetime leftist who in the early 1980s led protests against deployment of US medium-range missiles in Germany, remains an unknown quantity.

Schroeder's campaign has borrowed heavily from the successful election strategies of President Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair. He calls his program the New Middle, one that would seek to preserve much of Germany's lavish social welfare state while infusing new dynamism into a stodgy postindustrial economy that has failed to spawn new jobs for more than four million unemployed.

At campaign rallies across the country, Schroeder emphasizes his party's allegiance to the working class and calls for a new "Alliance for Jobs" that would thrash out a consensus strategy among business, labor unions and government. He promises to cut taxes on the poor and middle class, while soaking the rich who he claims are siphoning their capital to banks in Luxembourg.

In a standard stump speech, he lambastes Kohl for trying to curtail pension and sick pay, claiming the ruling Christian Democrats base their politics on the motto, "We are giving you less to eat so why should we give you healthy teeth?" But then he shifts gears, insisting the country cannot live beyond its means and must find a way to ensure that some of the world's highest wages and benefits do not undermine its future competitiveness in a global economy.

Schroeder denies he is trying to be all things to all people, even as he scrambles desperately for votes in the waning days of a tightening campaign race that looks like it may end close to a dead heat. A poll Saturday showed that within the past month Kohl has closed the gap between him and Schroeder from 7 points to 2 points, making the race virtually even because the polls have a 3-point margin of error.

Schroeder insists he represents the pure pragmatism of 21st-century politics, a willingness to embrace any effective policy solutions regardless of dogma or ideology.

"I don't believe in labels. I'm neither right nor left, just a human being," Schroeder explained during an interview at his party's spanking new headquarters here at the heart of Germany's once and future capital. "I've always been something of a climber against the odds, against the establishment. But I know where I come from."

The search for Schroeder's motivating influences can be traced back to a hardscrabble childhood in northern Germany. He was born in 1944, and never got to know his father, Fritz, who was killed at the Russian front. Friends say the absence of a father made young Gerhard, who is known to intimates as Gerd, grow up quickly. They say his deep yearning for the approval of his peers undoubtedly expedited his entry into politics.

It is a special bond that he shares with Clinton; just before the two men met at the White House last month, Clinton was discussing Schroeder with his advisers and fastened on what it meant never to know one's biological father. "You could see that the two of them had almost a mystical connection because of that shared background," a White House aide said.

Schroeder's mother, Erika, now 84 and living in Paderborn, struggled to raise five children on her meager earnings as a cleaning lady. She remembers how her son was distraught because he had to quit school at age 14 to work as an apprentice salesman in a porcelain shop, but she never doubted his drive to succeed.

She recalled being depressed one day when repossession men sought to reclaim some of their furniture. Schroeder talked them out of it and then consoled his mother, saying he was determined such a humiliation would never happen again to his family. "Just wait, one day I'll take you away from here in a big Mercedes," he said.

"He's always been a fighter," recalled one of Schroeder's childhood acquaintances, who requested anonymity. "He was a rough and dirty soccer player, and when he grew up he became ruthless in the way he treated even friends in his political career. He constantly needs to prove himself as an outsider taking on the old guard. I've always thought it was some kind of bitterness about his impoverished upbringing."

Schroeder studied at night school and eventually put himself through Goettingen University, where he graduated with a degree in law. He became actively involved in politics almost from the moment he began his legal practice, emerging as a leading light among the young leftists of the Social Democrats who were known as former chancellor Willy Brandt's political godchildren. In court, he defended the cause of left-wing terrorists such as Horst Mahler.

"Everybody liked to call himself a Marxist in those days, but Schroeder was never really all that committed to the ideology," said Peter Schneider, the left-wing novelist and writer who got to know Schroeder in the vanguard of Germany's 1968 radical movement. "People were talking revolution, but Gerd was always more serious and practical. I think it comes from having to work his way through school and his difficult struggle to improve his lot in life."

Schroeder began his rise to political prominence in 1978 when he was chosen as leader of the Young Socialists, the Social Democratic Party's youth wing. He embraced the anti-American sentiments of the era and organized protests against NATO's planned deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. But by the time he was elected to parliament, Schroeder was starting to shed his ideological baggage.

"Schroeder was never that much of a rebel," recalled Karsten Voigt, another former Young Socialist leader who is the foreign-policy spokesman for the Social Democrats. "He was careful not to burn his bridges with Helmut Schmidt even when all the young people in the party were forcing him out of the chancellor's office. Schmidt never forgot it, and that's why Schroeder became the first party candidate Schmidt has endorsed since he left politics."

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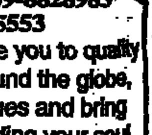

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By Leslie Cohen

While the world's superpowers were deliberating on how – or whether – to intervene, a young journalist from Chicago was risking her life to rescue Bosnian orphans. *Harvest in the Snow* provides a detailed and lucid account of how this courageous woman accomplished what most of the world's major humanitarian aid groups failed to do. From the inception of her plan in the summer of 1993, through its tumultuous implementation, Ellen Blackman spent eight months in Sarajevo. During that time, she fought like a warrior against the Serbs, who "had a free reign on murder...[and] carte blanche to continue." The story of her rescue of Bosnian war orphans during this tragic historical episode is unique.

Blackman was intensely emotionally involved in the Bosnian conflict because it reminded her that she "had descended from forgotten children of the Holocaust during World War II." After watching a television broadcast in which two Bosnian teenage girls bled to death – fully conscious and in pain – Blackman decided to go to Sarajevo. She acted against the advice of an experienced political consultant who had just made a documentary in Bosnia. Despite her lack of knowledge about the history of the conflict, Blackman began what she thought was going to be a 10-day trip to Bosnia to bring back a youth named Edin – a Bosnian Muslim orphan who had lost one eye and both legs, and was hospitalized in Sarajevo.

Simply preparing to enter the war zone presented a series of obstacles – much like fulfilling the quests posed in Grimm's fairy tales. The minimum requirements for traveling to Bosnia included obtaining a bulletproof vest. This turned out to be the easiest demand Blackman had to meet, but the most difficult to live with, since she "could hardly move under the heavy weight of the vest." She found it harder to get the necessary sponsorship by a media organization, the approval as an accredited journalist by the United Nations Headquarters in Zagreb, and hundreds of dollars a day to pay for drivers, translators, and residence at the only hotel in Sarajevo, the half uninhabitable Holiday Inn.

Michael Schneider, the executive president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, proved to be one of Blackman's most helpful contacts. Schneider explained that "the Joint had been... running humanitarian aid into Sarajevo since the beginning of the war....[It] was the only humanitarian group responsible for successfully evacuating more than one thousand people of all ethnic backgrounds" from the multicultural region of Bosnia. Since Jews were not involved with any of the warring factions, they could move in and out of Sarajevo freely. The Joint was planning another mission to evacuate a busload of 88 people, including Muslims, Jews, Croats and Serbs, from Sarajevo. Schneider offered to take Edin – with Blackman as his care-giver – in this convoy. Thus, the Zagreb Jewish Community Center was Blackman's first stop.

When Blackman finally landed in Sarajevo, the city was under attack by the Serbs. She writes candidly, but unhysterically, about the dangers she faced daily at the half-destroyed, half-standing Holiday Inn in Sarajevo, where she slept in a bed with "a row of bullet holes across [her headboard] in perfect alignment with [her] pillow." She had trouble locating a family who lived near the Holiday Inn because "the neighborhood had been hit hard by the Serbs. Most of the street numbers on the buildings had been damaged beyond recognition." In order to get to the hospital to find Edin, she had to cross a field under sniper fire.

Searching the Sarajevo State Hospital for Edin (nicknamed Eddie), she was told: "We are so flooded with patients like Eddie that it becomes impossible to keep up with all of them....There are scores of young people like him all over Sarajevo." Walking down one of the corridors in the orthopedic ward, she was accosted by a doctor who told her about a five-year-old girl in the intensive-care surgery unit. Irma Hadzimuratovic had been "critically injured by a mortar shell; her mother had been killed by the same shell." Irma had survived in the hospital for a week without any painkillers or antibiotics, but she was approaching the point of death. The UN, playing the role of "passive peacekeepers," had not seen fit to airlift her. Blackman's first mission was accomplished that day: under sniper fire, she managed to get to the Sarajevo TV building, where she found a film crew willing to accompany her back to the hospital (also under fire) to film Irma. Then, it was back to the TV building to relay the film to Chicago and get permission from the UN to airlift Irma, which was contingent upon the promise of a hospital bed and money. Blackman telephoned the Joint and received permission on the spot.

Considering the severe physical danger and the bureaucratic tangles, most people would have given up in despair. Fortunately, Blackman didn't. During the following eight months, she visited the Sarajevo and Kosovo hospitals regularly. Blackman used her press pass to travel to Split, bringing back medicines for Bosnian patients in hospitals so depleted they had neither antibiotics nor painkillers. In addition, she regularly brought black market foods to dozens of hospitalized children. Most of them had been orphaned in the conflict; some had been separated from their parents without knowing their whereabouts or whether they were still alive. Blackman describes rooms full of children who were either paralyzed or lacking limbs, and a room of cribs in which the babies had been clumped by the UN "into the hopeless category...ineligible for evacuation." She calls three of those infants – Jana, Samira and Damir – the "angels of Kosovo." All three had spent the bulk of their short lives in those hospital cribs. Blackman's rescue mission expanded as her experience in Sarajevo grew. She was determined to evacuate as many of the Bosnian orphans as she could and ended up saving dozens of lives.

Although the results of her efforts may seem almost miraculous, Blackman never misrepresents herself as a saint. Her social relationships and sexual foibles are described with the same candor as her rescue efforts. In addition to the close relationships she developed with the hospitalized children, Blackman befriended a number of Sarajevo's young adults. Their courage, their depression, and the widespread malnutrition in Bosnia are all documented in Blackman's writing.

Immediately after returning from her journey in Sarajevo, Blackman was hospitalized in Chicago with hepatitis. She wrote *Harvest in the Snow* while recuperating. A portion of her income from the book will go to Jana's House, a charity she founded for Bosnian children. Among her ambitions for the future is to cover a war crimes trial in which Bosnian Serb leaders are brought to justice before the International War Crimes tribunal.

City of dreams

MANCHESTER UNITED RUINED MY LIFE by Colin Shindler. London, Headline Book Publishing. 310 pp. £14.99.

By Ralph Amelan

I remember the first professional soccer match I saw. Manchester City and Grimsby Town were playing in an F.A. Cup match in the mid-Sixties, and kind neighbors had a spare season ticket. City won comfortably, but what stuck in my mind was the vivid color of the pitch and the amazing din caused by the chanting, cheering spectators. My head rang for days afterwards.

It didn't put me off for very long. For around 10 years or so I went to matches frequently, and devoured televised games as well. I didn't question why I did so, accepting it as part of life. Gradually, as I started work, my enthusiasm waned.

It all seems distant now. Perhaps one of the secrets of having a reasonably contented adulthood is to ensure your adolescence is well buried.

But Colin Shindler's unsparing account of his younger life raised more than a few ghosts to haunt me.

His memoir is easy to summarize. Born into a middle-class Manchester Jewish household, he grew up a passionate supporter of Manchester City and, to a lesser extent, of the Lancashire County Cricket Club. His mother died relatively young when he was 13, and, as he records, "in the absence of my mother, Manchester City filled the vacuum in my life. City gave me a reason to carry on living." Passion became fanaticism.

Together with this came somewhat less positive feelings towards local rivals Manchester United. The Reds earned the author's contempt for their arrogance, their Thatcherite values, their expectation that if they didn't win, something was wrong with the world. Their recent takeover by Rupert Murdoch will have done nothing to sweeten Shindler's attitude. Even those ignorant of soccer will have guessed by now which of the two teams had the better record.

But this made no difference to the author. Struggling at grammar school, his family broken, it is not surprising that his heart went out to the underdog. With only his elder brother as a support, and feeling alienated from the Jewish community, a then indifferent team became Shindler's moral and emotional lifeline.

If this sounds odd, you can take it from me that it isn't. Soccer was a vital part of Manchester's identity at the time. Industry was in decline (it still is) and the city felt like a place with more memories than future. But as long as its football was flourishing, all was well. The sport was followed obsessively: schoolboys who affected distaste for the sport courted unpopularity. "Are you United or City?" was a typical opening conversational gambit between two lads.

What really heated things up was the simultaneous success of both clubs.

For about seven years or so, starting in the mid-'60s, City and United had attractive sides playing football of real quality. They challenged for the top honors, and frequently won them. Their rivalry was at its peak.

The author, a screenplay writer and television producer, has captured the time with perfect accuracy, and his portrayal of his inner world is quite striking. Here and there, I had the eerie feeling that somehow he had managed to live a part of my life without my knowing it. I was never as caught up with soccer as Shindler, but the game had an insidious ability to infiltrate the brain and convert the victim to a gibbering monomaniac.

The monomania here is not in question, and the gibbering is not always held in check. In a telling passage, describing a referee's decision which (for once) went City's way, the author writes, "Unlike Moses, who suffered for proclaiming that he was responsible for a particular miracle performed by God for which he was in fact only the human instrument, I am not going to fall into the same trap. I am very happy to acknowledge that Mr. Pullin's mighty hand and outstretched arm was dictated by God." At least Shindler's story has a happy ending. Buoyed by his side's successes he made it to Cambridge University. For a delirious couple of months he got to train with his heroes. Finally, in California researching American classic movies, he was in a screening room watching a film when a beautiful blonde sat close to him. And this, gentle reader, is one sitter not even this diehard City supporter could miss; though their courtship and engagement took place, as it probably had to, during the close season.

Manchester City's story is different. After seeing Shindler safely through his nuptials, the team lost purpose, went into long-term decline, and last May sank into the old third division, for the first time in their history. They will probably bounce back, soccer being what it is, but the author may have to have a mid-life crisis first, just to prod the players into performing their sacred role.

For all my enjoyment of *Manchester United Ruined My Life* I'm afraid that it may have only limited appeal. Part of the problem is the subject: though Shindler writes well, obsession is difficult to make interesting to those who cannot grasp its appeal. But the main flaw is the book's nearly complete lack of physical description. The author records his emotions and thoughts in detail, but readers, especially those unfamiliar with Manchester and football, need to be given some idea of place, of how the author saw things.

His descriptions of football matches too often consist of mere statistical detail. The strong aesthetic appeal that the game has for many is ignored. Even his parents remain shadowy figures. In consequence the book lacks atmosphere and depth. To close, a delightful anecdote that the author gives us about a famous cricket match which ran very late indeed.

"When David Hughes, batting at number nine, got to the middle, he complained that he couldn't see the bowling properly because it was pitch-dark out there. It was perhaps not surprising as it was nearly 9 pm. Arthur Jepson, the umpire, pointed to the night sky.

"'What do you see there, David?' he asked. 'I can see the bloody moon, Arthur,' said Hughes. 'Well,' replied the umpire reasonably, 'how much further do you want to see?'"

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BOOK BYTES

CLOVEK neni cislo is the Czech for "a person is not a number." It is also the title of a book containing writing and art from a competition for Czech children who visited Theresienstadt last year. Hana Greenfield of Tel Aviv, who was taken to the Terezin concentration camp in 1942, was the main sponsor and organizer of the project. When Hana, wife of Gefen publisher Murray Greenfield, first approached the Terezin Department of Education in 1994 with her idea, they were "very frightened" to face the past. But with Hana's assistance and encouragement, a Holocaust program for children, including tours of the site and discussions with survivors, is now a fixture in the local schools. For details about the program and the book, which is published in Czech, German, and English, write to Fond Hany Greenfieldove, Pamatnik Terezin, 411 55 Terezin, Czechoslovakia.

KIRAN DESAI, daughter of acclaimed Indian novelist Anita Desai, is following in her mother's footsteps. "We're very close," says the junior Desai. "She puts everything in perspective and calms me down – quite a hard job for her right now." The reason for Kiran's excitement is that her first novel, *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard* (Faber), was recently published.

The book is about a misfit who takes refuge in a guava tree and attracts a large following with his lofty pronouncements. The story, filled with humorous and fantastical elements, is inspired by a true-life character, a hermit whose many devotees included Indira Gandhi.

Desai was born in 1971, and left India for Britain and the US when she was 14. She took a year off from her creative writing course at Columbia University to complete her book. She says: "There were wonderful things I learned and I had wonderful teachers, but after a while I found that I had to retreat in order to find my own voice."

THE Routledge *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* is the first big undertaking of its kind in the last 30 years. The statistics alone are impressive: 10 volumes including an index, 2,056 entries in seven million words, two million pounds to produce, eight years' work, 33 subject editors and 1,300 contributors. The previous incarnation of the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* was published in 1968 by Collier-Macmillan and contained a mere four million words. The new Routledge *EOP* stores a wealth of knowledge ranging from the traditional philosophies of Plato and Descartes to the more exotic teachings of Abu Bakr Ibn Tufayl and Tsong kha pa Blo bzang grags pa. It is described as an interdisciplinary work geared for a wide audience of philosophers as well as students and lay people. A companion CD-ROM accompanies the *EOP* and the asking price for the package will run around £2,000.

BRITAIN is the first to get the short story repackaged in a new format. The Travelman is a short story (or two) designed to look and work like a pocket-sized walker's map. The series sell at £1 each from specially made "story vending" machines at stations and airports, as well as from bookshops in the UK. Travelman Publishing, established by journalist Alexander Waugh, a grandson of Evelyn, has acquired the rights to hundreds of short stories by leading writers such as D.H. Lawrence, H.G. Wells and Arthur Conan Doyle. Waugh, who apparently won't have to pay copyright fees, says he believes "the short story is a woefully under-exploited genre."

David Brauner

The New York Times
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Generali's open account

President Bill Clinton and the Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali have two things in common – they could have spared themselves much of their difficulties by being forthcoming early on, and the Internet will have been the means to blast out globally what they tried unsuccessfully to hide and deny.

If Generali had, for example, not told Holocaust survivors after the war that they must produce death certificates to redeem their murdered relatives' insurance policies, the situation would be different today. If Allianz, the other insurance company which shared with Generali almost all of the market among poor and middle-class East European Jews, had not written to one concentration camp survivor that her dowry insurance policy had been "paid to the SS," the situation would be different today.

But the insurance companies, like the now famous case of the Swiss banks, did not respond to the survivors of the Holocaust with a sense of professional responsibility, to say nothing of decency or human compassion. If there is, however, some similarity between the evasion tactics of the insurance companies and the Swiss banks, on one point there should be no confusion: the amount of information regarding wartime-era insurance policies is considerably greater than that regarding Swiss bank accounts.

Following the initial disclosure concerning Generali's refusal to acknowledge insurance policies, the Italian media discovered an entire warehouse in which the wartime insurance policies were stored. Generali, to its credit, has already transferred all the data from these records onto computer disks. Of the 337,000 policies found from that period, about 100,000 have been determined to be "active" – meaning they were paid for, but never redeemed. Many, if not most, of these policies are thought to have been taken out by Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

So far, Generali has transferred to Yad Vashem the names of 100,000 policy holders, but not the names of beneficiaries and other background information that would allow people to determine if they are due, or are heirs to, a policy. Generali is claiming that Italian law prevents it from making all the information on the active policies public. Alternatively, the giant insurance company claims that policies, some denominated in then hyper-inflated currencies, are now valueless. Finally, the company argues that it cannot be responsible for policies issued by branches that were later nationalized by communist governments that came after the war. This last claim it bolsters with written documents from US Embassy officials referring claimants to East European governments, rather than to Generali.

Clearly, even with the relatively good information in Generali's possession regarding many policies, there are serious forensic questions that need to be sorted out. That will be the job of the commission established by an agreement signed last month by five European insurance companies (including Generali and Allianz) and the US National Association of Insurance Commissioners. That agreement, however, does not absolve Generali of its continued use of conflicting and disingenuous lines of defense.

In the case of the Swiss banks, a solid base of information is being developed by the Volker Commission, charged with poring through bank records to identify dormant accounts. Generali's warehouse full of policies, and the many policies already identified by other insurance companies, should provide the core of information needed to determine the scope of a settlement.

The $100 million that Generali just balked on paying – since the figure was ruled to be a minimum, rather than a ceiling – may represent more, less, or much less than the actual value of the unpaid policies. Determining the value of policies that may have been almost worthless on their maturation date, due to the collapse of local currencies, will not be simple. But the first step is clearly to release the information that does exist to the public, so that people can begin the process of identifying policies that belong to them directly or as heirs.

MK Michael Kleiner, chairman of the Knesset Insurance Subcommittee, has called repeatedly for Generali to release all its information on the relevant active policies over the Internet. Like the Starr Report, once released, the information may be more or less damning than people expect, but having it out there allows people to judge for themselves and it allows leaders to begin to resolve the issue. The first job of the new commission, therefore, should be to release the solid information that exists on insurance policies, devise a formula for determining their value, and ensure that everyone with a legitimate link to an active policy is paid its full value.

In the meantime, it would be a mistake for the government of Israel to give, of all things, an award to Generali for its $320 million investment in Migdal insurance, as one of dozens of foreign companies that made major investments in Israel. Generali's account with tens of thousands of Holocaust survivors and their descendants is still open. If the company continues to refuse to release the information it has, it should face Israeli and international sanctions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEN & JERRY'S BOYCOTT

Sir, – Many Jewish ice cream aficionados around the globe will be angered to learn that Ben & Jerry's' Israel licencee has knuckled under to threats by "New Yorkers for a Just Middle East Peace." The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and Gush Shalom by cancelling their contract to buy Mei Eden water from the Golan Heights for use in their sherbets (Sept 20.)

The New Yorkers and their fellow peace warriors seem to feel that by boycotting Golan Heights products (and those manufactured by Jews in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and parts of Jerusalem) they will advance "peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

In this century alone boycotts against purchasing Jewish products were organized in Germany (1933-1939); Poland (1921-1939), and even in the United States by the infamous Father Coughlin and the Ku Klux Klan in the 1930's. But they were organized by fanatic, Jew-hating antisemitic movements.

Sadly, in the current Ben & Jerry's case the boycotters are Jews, who in my opinion are so consumed by self-hatred and hatred of their fellow Jews that they enlisted an Arab-American group to help promote their boycott. Uri Avneri of Gush Shalom and his misled American cohorts are trying to divide the Jewish people rather than bring true peace and unity.

Ironically Ben & Jerry's sherbet consumers will continue to imbibe Golan Heights water in every spoonful of their sherbet: A very large proportion of the water supply of the country flows from the Heights, via the Kinneret and the National Water Carrier, right to our faucets. (Maybe that's one good reason, among many, to retain the Golan Heights).

No doubt an impromtu counter-boycott of Ben & Jerry's products will spring up, because Jews everywhere will express their disgust at the supermarket cash register.

JIM and MYRNA BENETT

Haifa.

PUBLIC FRENZY

Sir, - There is a need of some in Israeli society to spread the guilt of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's murder far and wide. This need has penetrated to the courts in the decision to convict Margalit Har-Shefi for failure to report Yigal Amir's plans to police.

In making this decision, the court did not accept Margalit's claim that she did not believe Yigal Amir would act. Has this court forgotten how impossible it was for us to believe it even after it happened? In the Israel that existed before we were rudely awoken, violent political rhetoric, and even blatant threats, were simply not to be believed. It is only with 20-20 hindsight that any of us could ever imagine this religious, clean-cut, law student turning his boasting fantasy into impossible reality.

This court has ignored common sense and foregone integrity to feed a public frenzy. I can only hope the appeals court will be less cowardly.

REUVEN WACHTFOGEL

Jerusalem.

REMEMBER IDEALISM?

Sir, – In "Fair warning," (Readers' Letters, September 10) Jack Davis lists all the things wrong with Israeli society and all the reasons why no Anglo Saxon should come on aliya.

He neglected to mention *idealism* – which is what motivates Western aliya. It is precisely to address the problems we all know exist in this country that aliya is essential.

L. BEAME

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

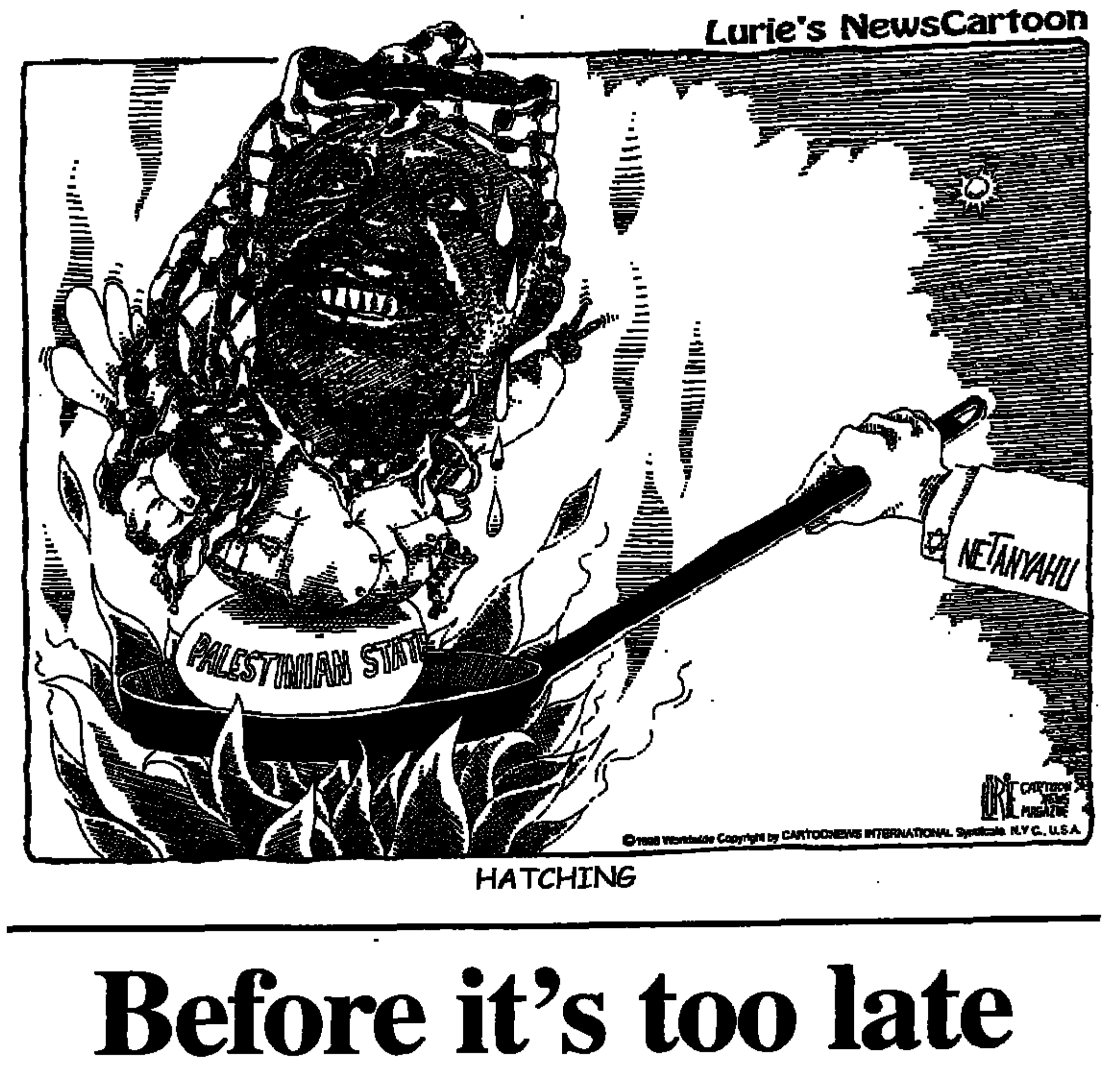
65 years ago: On September 24, 1933, *The Palestine Post* published a complete, original text of the agreement reached between Emir Faisal Ibn Hussein, representing and acting on behalf of the Arab Kingdom of Hedjaz, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, of the Zionist Organization.The Emir promised to do all he could to assist the Zionist movement, and expressed hope that the Zionists and Arabs will work in complete harmony and understanding.

50 years ago: On September 24, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Provisional Council of Israel unanimously approved the Emergency Regulations for the Prevention of Terrorism enacted by the cabinet after the murder of Count Bernadotte.

According to a confidential report the Arab military opposed the return of Arab refugees into "liberated areas" of Palestine, since this would hinder their military operations.

25 years ago: On September 24, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the last bottleneck of the 40km. long Hadera-Haifa highway was eliminated with the opening of a sophisticated Haifa interchange.

Alexander Zvielli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HATCHING

Before it's too late

DANIEL DORON

It may still be possible to block the threat of state-sponsored nuclear terrorism, that, like the bin Laden exploits, may be disguised as the "privatized" initiative of individuals.

Rogue states are encouraged by ineffective US response to terrorism, the unraveling of sanctions against Iraq and Iran and inaction against states assisting them to acquire weapons of mass destruction (especially their erstwhile and potential ally – Russia).

Iran, North Korea, Iraq, Libya and Syria all have employed terrorism as a tactic to demoralize the West. They may soon resort to non-conventional blackmail for strategic purposes. In the Middle East the possession of such weapons will enable rogue states to threaten oil shipping, to hike its price, and force a huge transfer of wealth, bleeding Western economies.

Once this happens little can stop them, probably not even a balance of terror of the sort that kept a peace of sorts between the West and Communism. Wrongly assessing an opportunity, or fearing defeat, they may go beyond the brink.

This said, one must also recognize that even aggressive, irrational regimes have real security concerns, especially when their neighbors are aggressive and paranoid too. It is important to assess how their view of the dangers and opportunities facing them may affect their strategy.

Iran is a prime example. The eight-year war that Iraq waged against it, funded by oil-producing Arab states and assisted by Western powers (notably France) justifiably made Iran wary of a nuclear Iraq.

Its fears must be aggravated by the failure of the US to curb Saddam and by the continued willingness of states such as Russia and France to assist him. Iran probably believes that Saddam may exploit Western impotence by using his nonconventional weapons to eventually *dominate the Gulf and oil shipping*, as he has attempted before.

WHILE the US will most probably resist such an attempt (a fractured cowardly Europe will probably succumb), its present weakness and the lack of staying power it exhibited in Beirut and elsewhere have undermined its credibility.

Rogue states might doubt its ability to risk nuclear confrontation with an opponent that could incinerate, for starters, the oil fields, and follow with a threat of nuclear or biological terrorism. Dictatorships typically exaggerate the internal divisions and indecisiveness in a democracy, and fail to appreciate its resiliency.

Convinced of US degeneracy (Oh, Lewinsky!) and eventual Western disintegration, they may be tempted to hasten the day by ever more painful probes. The West, unfortunately, seems reluctant to stop the slide down a slippery slope with a resolute show of force.

Leading a hated, exploitative Christian West, only the US can block historical Iranian ambitions (pursued by the mullahs as they were by the Shah, who was the first to raise the price of oil in 1973!) to dominate the Gulf, raise the price of oil, and generally humble the Christian West.

Iran has already prepared two choke points, one at the straits of Hormuz, the other in the Horn of Africa, and developed a naval force, including Russian Kilo-style submarines, that could block oil shipments and US reinforcements.

Once it develops a non-conventional deterrent it could challenge the West with impunity. It could then also fulfill its constitutional commitment "to realize the political, economic and cultural unity of Islam" under the banner of Shiite triumphalism, by destroying the heretic Sunni regime in Arabia, whose control of Islam's most *holy shrines must be an unacceptable* affront to a nation with such a strong pride of race and religion.

Iran keeps old scores. It still hates the US for toppling Mussadek's 1953 anti-Western uprising, and vented its fury during the hostage crisis and in the unusual torture inflicted on the captured CIA Beirut chief.

But however much Iran hates the US, its hatred of the Saudis, who bankrolled Saddam's assault and have invited US presence in the Gulf, must be far greater. In addition, with huge oil reserves, the Saudis have been keeping the price of oil low, to prevent the development of alternative sources and fuels.

Iran is desperate for higher oil income to feed its welfare-promoted population explosion. Its masses, made destitute and forced to migrate to towns by its disastrous statist economic policies that despoiled agriculture and industry, are very restive. Without large additional income from oil, Iran will be unable to protect its revolution internally, export it abroad and finance a costly nuclear program.

This is why the denial of oil income to rogue states should continue to be a top priority, even if it has not prevented their acquisition of weapons of mass destruction. Lack of funds could still significantly limit their military capabilities and thus pressure them into wanting to cut a deal.

The US must also draw clear red lines which rogue states must not cross on pain of nuclear preemption. As the waffling with Saddam proved, uncertainty and a vacuum of power court disaster. For its own interests, as well as for the world's sake, the US must act soon, before it is too late.

The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

Approaching P-Day

More than 50 years ago, the United Nations General Assembly voted with a slight majority to recommend the establishment of a Jewish and an Arab state in Palestine. Using this international call, Jewish Palestinians declared statehood, sought international recognition and moved ahead in making their dream come true.

Today Palestinians find themselves in nearly the same position. Not only has the Arab portion of that 1947 UN resolution not been completed but hundred of other international resolutions have been passed supporting Palestinian statehood.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat will address the international community and ask for their support of the Palestinian plans to declare a state on the eve of May 4, 1999. On that date, the five-year interim phase of the Oslo Agreement would have run out.

The clock began ticking when Israel and the PLO signed the agreement for the implementation of the agreement, which stated clearly that both sides must conclude a permanent status agreement at the beginning of the third year of the interim phase but no later than the fifth year. So unless an agreement is reached before that, Palestinians will consider themselves free to make a unilateral move towards statehood.

Some have termed Yasser Arafat's repeated statements that he will declare a state in May 1999 as a ploy aimed at forcing the hesitant Israelis to move ahead in the peace process. Others have warned the Palestinian leadership that it doesn't have the necessary ingredients for a viable state.

While generally supportive, the Palestinian public is withholding judgment on this issue, waiting to find out how key neighboring countries, the US and Europe will react to such a call.

THERE is no doubt that President Arafat has his work cut out for him if this long-term Palestinian aspiration is to be translated into reality.

To begin with, let us look at the plus side. The Palestinian people and their leadership are living on their lands and such a call to declare a Palestinian state while on Palestinian soil is certainly more credible and powerful than the declaration 10 years ago from faraway Algiers.

Palestinians also have the beginnings of basic institutional support. An 88-seat elected legislature exists and is learning what it means to make legislation.

Governmental institutions from ministries to specialized institutions like the water authority, environment authority and monetary authority are all in place and working. Palestinians have birth certificates, passports and driving licenses issued by Palestinian government offices. We have Palestinian stamps, national and private radio and television, a privatized multi-million dollar telephone company and even a thriving casino.

On the negative side, the West Bank and Gaza are separated. The international borders of both the West Bank and Gaza are under Israeli control. Palestinians have neither water, energy sources or food reserves that can enable them to withstand any siege.

Politically, Palestinians have mixed opinions of the Palestinian National Authority's track record since its establishment in 1994. While declaring a state will certainly galvanize the public, Palestinians in Palestine and around the world have strong reservations about the PNA's record on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

President Arafat must institute major changes in policy in order to ensure support and willingness to make the sacrifices that such a declaration might require.

Externally, Palestine will generally get wide support. If we can judge by the support Palestine received when it was declared in 1988, more than 100 countries will recognize the new state. The big question remains how four key countries will react: the US, Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

The Netanyahu administration has said that Israel is opposed to a Palestinian state. Egypt and Jordan, which already treat Palestine as a sovereign state, will undoubtedly reconfirm their support. But many Palestinians are wondering whether these two neighboring Arab countries will provide more than political and public support to the newly declared state.

Ordinary citizens, as well as business people, are bracing themselves for the possibility of a tough Israeli reaction. Jordan and Egypt's response to a newly declared state will be put to the test. Will they, for example, deploy their armies to help break a possible indefinite siege that Israel might place on Palestine? How the US will react to such an act is anyone's guess.

In the final analysis one thing is clear. While Palestinians know what they want – namely an independent state – Israel knows what it doesn't want. As we get close to P-Day, those who know what they want will likely have a better chance at getting it than those who are only opposed.

Only in America

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Much attention is given to the heroic welcome paid by the UN General Assembly to President Clinton when he showed up there on Monday, even as the TV world was seeing him in mortal combat with such questions as, Where exactly had he fondled the 21-year-old intern? Only in America.

The rousing reception at the United Nations was predictable, a congregation of world leaders many of them enmeshed in scandal and ideology. Arafat got an ovation. So did Fidel Castro.

In his first visit Khrushchev got an enormous hand, though not quite as sustained as Clinton's, in part because in those days (1959) there was some sentiment in America to cut the mooring lines and let the UN float out into the ocean.

But the instinct is familiar. Movie audiences tend to cheer when the Wild Ones or the Sundance Kiddies and Bonnie and Clyde overrun the boring people whose pedestrian job it is to keep banks from being robbed.

Is it imaginable that Mao Tse-tung himself would have got less than a huge ovation if he had appeared in 1971 to claim his seat at the UN, perhaps a week after officially disclosing that there were 10 million victims of his Cultural Revolution?

In part the emotion of the day was solidarity with a fallen leader. In part it was our old friend, anti-American animus. If it hurts the United States, the United Nations loves it.

In days gone by, the UN tended to focus its anti-Americanism in votes against Israel and sympathetic votes in the direction of Soviet policy. One wonders if the applause meter would have gone yet higher if Clinton's speech had coincided with testimony that he had raped the girl, not merely seduced her.

The case for impeaching a president who lies

Since humor can be got from everything. Al Franken, presiding over an episode of the sitcom "Lateline," amused himself by leaving the TV image on while Clinton testified but with the sound off, so that he could attend to manifold duties during the busy morning at the studio. Every five minutes or so he would pause to say, "He's doing excellently, don't you think?"

Perfect commentary for when you can't hear what Clinton is saying. The planted axiom, not eccentric by any means, was: The president is cornered; therefore, whatever he says, I'm for him.

IT SEEMED a terrible mistake for the House Republicans to encourage the public viewing. Granted all the evasions of the witness, the tenacity of the interrogators became incomprehensible.

What on earth did they have in mind bringing up the cigar business? If the objective was (as everyone agreed) merely to demonstrate for the purpose of people who can't read that Clinton really pretends to believe that he did not engage in "sexual relations" with the girl, surely that could have been done in a pictorial that consumed less time than "Gone With the Wind"?

The incomparable Murray Kempton, reviewing the Army/McCarthy hearings a generation ago, wrote in his column on the 35th day of nonstop television coverage, "May God forgive me, I ended the day feeling sorry for Roy Cohn."

That impulse – to feel sorry for the defendant whatever his crimes – magnifies with the office the defendant holds (unless he is a corporation executive, in which case forget the above). The governing rule is, The bigger they come, the harder they fall. Clinton was scraping bottom and had only to rise from the buoyancy generated by his degradation.

It is very sad, and wonderfully revealing about America. It is required, at this point, to focus on what happened. Not on the Jacobinical flavor of the proceeding at the White House on Aug. 17, but on the gritty offensiveness of what Clinton did, and how he maneuvered after doing what he did.

A liberal columnist writing in the *New York Post* broke free of the bonds of ideological fraternity and, after surveying the record, wrote on Tuesday about the testimony, "You can see a president being harassed about his private life, or a president lying well but revealing himself as a cheat, sneak, cad, double-talker and user."

But the time off to recover is for the House of Representatives, which now needs, among all the other things, to persuade itself that its misreckoning should not alter the case for impeaching a president who lies under oath.

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Weekender

Roseanne says she is more comfortable with herself these days as a person, an entertainer and a parent, and she is anxious to share that with her audience.

Reinventing the talk show

Roseanne hopes that her new TV show will help people of different cultures and religions understand one another

By GREG BRAXTON

It's not even noon yet, but inside her new office at CBS' Television City in Los Angeles, Roseanne is already shaking.

No, it's not her temper, as some who witnessed her meteoric and stormy rise as a television power broker with her groundbreaking *Roseanne* series might assume.

And it's not trepidation, even though the actress-comedian is stepping into the heavily competitive and treacherous field of daytime talk shows. Among the recent performers who have gone before her into the arena, only to fall on their faces, were Marilu Henner, George Hamilton, Suzanne Somers and Gabrielle Cateris.

No, the shaking has to do with the nonstop flow of ideas about what she wants to accomplish with her new venture, *The Roseanne Show*, which recently premiered in the US.

"I'm on fire," declares the slimmed-down entertainer. "This is so cool. I never sleep. I go around shaking all the time – I feel all this intense energy. I'm in a free creative space, trying to get to real freedom."

And she is determined not to let the cliched traditions and restrictions of the daytime talk show genre stand in her way. She says she wants to reinvent standard talk shows, where celebrities come on mainly to plug their latest projects, then leave.

"I don't need to get people who have been on eight other talk shows," Roseanne says as she brushes back her new hairdo. "I don't want those people unless they have something positive to say, unless they can contribute hope, unless they can offer something. I'm sick of everything being torn down."

Don't get her wrong. *The Roseanne Show* will feature celebrities, as well as comedy bits and recurring characters. Despite her serious tone, Roseanne is still a comic at heart.

But she is more focused on providing an informational – and even spiritual – forum for the exchange of ideas. With the uncertainty of a new millennium around the corner, she wants her show to serve as a hopeful vehicle that will help people of different cultures and religions understand one another better.

"Just having the free exchange of ideas is exciting," Roseanne says. "I want to have on contributing members of society ... and mothers. We want to explore children's issues. I never thought I would ever feel this ignited at this level. Information can change lives."

One example of what Roseanne is trying to accomplish took place during a recent taping in which basketball "bad boy" Dennis Rodman appeared. Roseanne teasingly asked Rodman to remove his large hat and sunglasses, but Rodman repeatedly refused. Roseanne just snatched the hat off at one point, which surprised but did not anger Rodman as he rubbed his luminously dyed hair.

Moments later, Roseanne surprised Rodman, who in June had paid for the burial of James Byrd Jr., a black man who was murdered when three white men allegedly dragged and dismembered him in a racially motivated attack. Two of Byrd's sisters came on the show to thank Rodman and to give him a special certificate. Even behind his sunglasses, he was noticeably touched.

"What happened with that whole segment was real television, and that's what we're trying to do," says Jeff Wald, Roseanne's manager and one of the syndicated series' executive producers. "She has this warmth and kindness. She'll allow guests to have a forum to get through their ideas, but she also wants to see what makes them laugh and makes them think."

The Roseanne Show is being produced and distributed by King World, which also produces and distributes *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, the elite of the talk field. Under terms of King World's contract with stations, *The Roseanne Show* can never air against Winfrey or Rosie O'Donnell's program.

"We're not in competition with them," says Michael King, vice chairman and chief executive officer of King World Productions Inc.

"This show is very different from *Oprah* or any other talk show. Roseanne has been one of the most sought-after guests on these shows. Moreover, she's a tremendous listener and good audience for other performers. Roseanne has been in so many fields, and she's bringing the same kind of commitment to this format that she has in all the others. She has more to lose doing this than King World, and she's giving it more than 100 percent."

Roseanne says she is more comfortable with herself these days as a person, an entertainer and a parent, and she is anxious to share that with her audience. "At last I can say who I really am," she said. "I don't have to worry about what people think about me any more. It was always there. I don't have the need to camouflage. I've always believed in God, and now I have this great hope, without all of the cynical self-destructive crap I hid under."

Despite her popularity and past success, Roseanne says she is still amazed that the new show will allow her not only to be on TV all over the US but also in 32 other countries. She is also particularly pleased and proud that three of her grown daughters are on the show's staff.

And among one of her dream shows would be a reunion of the *Roseanne* cast. She has seen little of them since the ABC comedy ended last year.

"I really miss them," she says. "I'll always love them."

(Los Angeles Times)

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Who is the mellowest of them all? None other than ***Roots of Africa***, whose breezy, jumpy reggae turns the Tel Aviv boardwalk at the Dolphinarium into what seems like the end of the world on Thursday nights. Starts around 8:30 p.m.

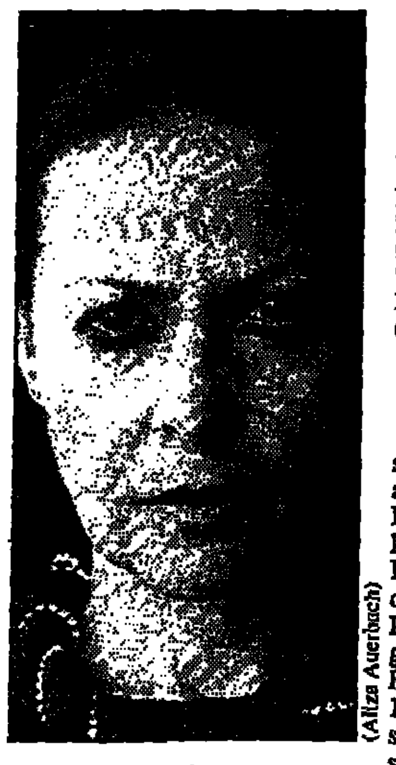
But if you prefer to sit in actual seats and watch a musical group on stage, turn around and head inland to the Einav Center, where **Aviv Gefen** and his string quartet (still can't get over it, can you?) will be playing, starting at 9:30 p.m.

Thematic unity, of a sort, is found in Tel Aviv theaters this evening. The Gesher Theater in Jaffa performs ***The Dreyfus Trial*** at 8:30 p.m. The play is a dramatic version of the surreal, senseless conviction of a man who committed no crime.

Sound Kafka-esque? ***Wanted*** goes even further off the deep end with its postmodern portrayal of a desk clerk's life gone amok. Unprecedented visual effects and astoundingly coherent communication through movement and music give *Wanted* a theatrical language all its own. Watching the boundless creativity of **Klipa Theater** (yes, the creators of last week's *Medieval Times* ("Yemei Habeinayim"), it is hard to believe that the two partners in this little company have almost no spoken language in common. 9 p.m. at the ZOA House.

All this adds up to a full Thursday night, leaving Friday free for resting up. On Saturday, the activities begin again. Starting at 11 a.m., the **Tel Aviv Museum** (27 Shaul Hamelech) is holding a special morning event to usher in the new art season at the Museum. Ya'acov Agmon of Habimah will be present and **Gila Almagor** will discuss the new play (in which she stars) *Medea*. Call (03) 696-1297.

On Saturday night, head over to Hayarkon Park to catch a concert in the ***Jazz Blues and Nature*** series. This one features Avi Leibowitz and Alex Norris with the Tel Aviv Big Band. Call (03) 528-5222.



(Aliza Auerbach)

Gila Almagor discusses 'Medea,' in which she stars, in Tel Aviv.

Jerusalem

Yellow Submarine is the ultimate hangout! Bring a sleeping bag: tonight it has conjured up the Electronic Front Happening, whatever in the world it may be. Don't even bother going home, because on Friday afternoon this is the venue for the newly relocated "Friday Afternoon Samba." At 13 Rehov Harechavim. 11 p.m. (02) 656-6611.

And Points Beyond

Israel's eclectic music scene shows its colors this weekend around the country. To Rishon Lezion, innovative impresarios have brought **Deep Forest** and **Kristi Stassinopoulou** in a "first of its kind" world music event. Deep Forest is a world-renowned group of nine musicians based in France and offering a classic 1990s gimmick: the music-visual show. Kristi S. (why even try to say that name?) is a Greek singer accompanied by seven players. This gem of a musical event takes place in the Amphipark of Rishon Lezion at 7 p.m.. For more details call (03) 525-3833.

Tonight at Kibbutz Hatzor, the undaunted **Hip Hop Journey** continues its dance around the Holy Land. Check out the Metrock Club for the Journey's latest stop.

And at Kibbutz Tzora tonight music lovers will find the **Folk and Country Music Club** with Shelly Ellen and Jenine. Starts at 9 p.m., call (02) 990-8382.

Further north, the **Mediterranean Festival** is being held today and tomorrow at Achziv Park. Call (04) 985-2377.

And for those insatiably curious minds, all your questions will be answered at a lecture this evening on **The Influence of Men on Our Lives**. . Presented by the Rosh Hodesh Group For Women. (Seeking more answers? The group meets every Thursday before Rosh Hodesh.) At Magen Avraham Congregation in Omer. 20 Marganit St. (07) 646-0424.

There are lots of theater possibilities around the country tonight.

Fog is showing tonight at Netanya Heichal Hatarbut. This is Beit Lessin's view of the Tze'elim training disaster. 8:30 p.m. (09) 861-2453.

At Haifa Theater tonight, see ***Othello*** newly stripped of Juliano Mer as the (former) Moor. The replacement should make for an intriguing, and hopefully less realistic, production. At 8:30 p.m. (04) 860-0500.

AFTER HOURS

The bar for Tel Aviv's trendiest

By SONIE LEMOR

'Bialik is a really cool place to go," says Alona Levi, architecture student. "Whether it's yuppies in training or trendies on the move, Bialik hosts them all." Bialik is one of the well-known hubs of the media industry. The multi-colored, multi-purpose pub is decorated in art-deco with two rooms and outside seating. The simple outdoor tables are perfect for all of the see-and-be-seen types who like to conspicuously flaunt their stuff.

Inside, Bialik is another story altogether. During the day, the pub functions as a coffee shop catering to all sorts of hotshots from the film and television industry.

"What makes this different from any other sort of celebrity hang-out," explains actor Gadi Hyer, "is that in most of the 'in' spots, you usually find the famous faces, and here [in Bialik] the clientele are the big people behind the scenes. You know, the casting directors and scriptwriters, journalists and such."

At night, the atmosphere changes totally. The primary-colored lights seem to jump out at you the minute you walk in the door. They also have an interesting effect on the colorful decor and on all the well-dressed and coiffed patrons who seem to fill almost all of the available seating.

Next to the window bar are several small tables and beyond them is an impressively stocked bar where you can sit and gab with the longhaired, multi-pierced bartender.

The second room, three or four stairs down from the elongated bar, boasts a slightly different, blue-tinged ambience with couch-type seating, tables and chairs. This room gives a good view of the mini-kitchen as well as the metal stairs that lead up to the facilities.

I sat at the window on the bar and from there was able to get a good view of the famous regulars that form the Tel Aviv party circuit. Most of the patrons are familiar with one another, and pass from table to table strutting their stuff or showing off their newest expensive toy.

For the most part, Bialik is a drinks bar at night. However, it does have its fair share of reasonably-priced, run-of-the-mill bar snacks. If you're out for a full meal though, I would recommend popping by Bialik afterwards for a nightcap.

Bialik is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until at least 2 a.m. or until patrons decide to go home.

Bialik, 2 Bialik Street, Tel Aviv

CDs on my mind

Singer and actress Meital Trabelsi talks about her favorite discs

Singer/actress Meital Trabelsi's star is on the rise. Blessed with good looks and a distinctive voice, she combines her knowledge of music and drama to produce memorable and professional performances.

Born near Ramle, Trabelsi moved with her family at the age of six to Sharm el-Sheikh, then moved back to Ramle when Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt six years later. But her travels did not impede her musical development – her childhood was peppered with musical opportunities and she participated in city and national youth choirs from the first grade.

In the army she served in the prestigious Army Entertainment Corps and had her first big break singing "Noa" on the TV special *A Tribute to Naomi Shemer*.

"My career began with Naomi Shemer's songs and the Army. I love her songs," says Trabelsi. "They have, together with my army service, served as a solid base and have opened doors of opportunity."

Trabelsi sang "My Captain" at the first anniversary memorial concert for Yitzhak Rabin. Her theater credits include starring as Maria in the Israeli stage production of Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*, and playing the leading singing role in Eitan Green's movie *Tears Fall By Themselves*.

Earlier this year, Trabelsi made her first album, *Nishar li Shir* ("I Was Left with a Song"). Among the cuts on the album, many written by well-known artists such as Meir Banai and Mickey Gavrielov, are songs that Trabelsi wrote and arranged herself.

"I love the process of creating good music, in addition to the end result, which is receiving the enthusiasm of the audience," Trabelsi says.

Being a good performer means always improving your skills. For Trabelsi, listening to other performers is an important part of her professional growth. Here she speaks about the albums that have had the most influence on her.

1. ***Derech Hameshi*** ("The Silk Road") by Yehudit Ravitz

"I fell in love with her singing the first time I heard her. I identify with her interpretation, phrasing, even breathing – especially in the song "Vidui" ("Confession")."

2. ***Efer Ve'afar*** ("Ashes and Dust") by Yehuda Poliker

"The level of musical production on this album is exceptional as is the expertise of the musicians. They have created music that gets 'into your stomach,' and maintain this feeling from beginning to end."

3. ***The Shaking Tree*** by Peter Gabriel

"Peter is an English artist whose music makes you want to dance. His minimalistic sounds surround a person. Many of his songs, such as 'Don't Give Up,' deal with social concerns and give an added dimension of hope to his music."

4. ***Gula Gula*** by Marie Boen Parsen

"Marie is a singer from Lapland and records her ethnic music under the "Real World" label produced by Peter Gabriel. She is a singer who really has a gift. I find that her music touches my inner soul."

5. ***Diamond Life*** by Sade

"I love the soft style of Sade's singing. Her music just flows, surrounding the listener and carrying him away."

– *Sarah Hershenson*

Weekender Food&Drink

Portable power

Snacking and skipping occasional meals are a part of life these days. Vending-machine cuisine doesn't have to be your only option.

By **ELLISE PIERCE**
and **ROBIN VITETTA**

Ever find yourself running late in the morning and skipping breakfast to get to the airport on time? Or bypassing lunch to finish a report? We've become such a nation of on-the-go nibblers that one of the major requirements of food in the '90s is that it be portable.

And long distances aren't required: The path from canteen vending machine to desk is the most well-traveled of all. We all know those are poor choices – gooey doughnuts, sticky candy bars, fake cheese crackers. You fill the pit of your stomach, but the pendulum of hunger swings on from one missed meal to the next.

Still, what are the options? Here's one: With a little planning, you can pull a delicious, healthy snack out of your briefcase or bag that will bridge the space between rush hour and midnight oil and make you forget all those other joyless journeys to the land of junk. The major payoff is in your mouth – who can resist the allure of scones, biscotti, muffins? But making your own between-meals snacks also placates your head and body because you're in charge of your own engine.

"I think it adds a psychic value when you make something in your own kitchen," says Georgia Kostas, director of nutrition at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas and author of *The Balancing Act: Nutrition and Weight Guide*. "It's a whole different satisfaction that you're nourishing your body when you choose something that's homemade as opposed to something that's purchased."

You shouldn't make a habit of missing regular meals, of course, but let's stay real. And if you want to do that, these snacks are real good.

Most of these breads and snack bars will stay moist and fresh-tasting for a couple of days if they are stored properly. Let the muffins, scones, and bars cool completely. Divide into individual portions and wrap each portion in a piece of heavy-duty plastic wrap. These snacks can be frozen for up to 1 month. Thaw them at room temperature, or reheat them in the microwave for 30 seconds. Store the granola in individual zip-top plastic bags for quick grab-to-go snacks.

POWER BISCOTTI

Peanut butter takes the place of margarine or butter, adding flavor as well as protein and B vitamins.

2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
¾ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
⅓ cup chunky peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2 large egg whites
Cooking spray

1.Preheat oven to 160 degrees.

2. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife.

Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Combine peanut butter, vanilla, eggs, and egg whites in a medium bowl, stirring well with a whisk; add to flour mixture, stirring just until blended.

3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; shape into a 10-inch-long roll. Place roll on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray; flatten to 1-inch thickness. Bake at 160 degrees for 35 minutes.

Remove roll from baking sheet; cool 10 minutes on a wire rack. Reduce oven temperature to 150 degrees.

4. Cut roll diagonally into 18 (1/2-inch) slices. Place slices, cut sides down, on baking sheet. Bake at 150 degrees for 20 minutes. Turn cookies over; bake an additional 20 minutes (cookies will be slightly soft in center but will harden as they cool). Remove from baking sheet; cool completely on a wire rack. Yield: 1½ dozen

SUPER MORNING SHAKE

This shake is not only delicious, but it also has less than 2 grams of fat and as much calcium as a glass of milk. Refrigerate the other serving for a treat later in the day.

2 Tbsp. nonfat dry milk
2 Tbsp. honey
1 (240 gram) carton vanilla low-fat yogurt
1 (240 gram) can pineapple chunks in juice, undrained
½ cup ice cubes

Combine first 4 ingredients in a blender; process until smooth. With blender on, add ice cubes, 1 at a time; process until smooth. Yield: 2 servings (serving size: 1¼ cups).

CARROT-CAKE BARS

Oats, whole-wheat flour, and raisins make these snack bars fiber-rich.

⅔ cup packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp. stick margarine or butter, softened
¾ cup low-fat buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 large egg whites
¾ cup whole-wheat flour
1½ cups regular oats
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup shredded carrot
½ cup raisins
Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 175 degrees.

2. Beat sugar and margarine at medium speed until well-blended (about 5 minutes). Add buttermilk, vanilla, and egg whites; beat well. Lightly spoon flour into a dry measuring cup; level with a knife. Combine flour and next 5 ingredients (flour through salt); gradually add to sugar mixture, beating just until blended. Stir in carrot and raisins.

Pour batter into an 28 x 18 cm. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake at 175 degrees for 33 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack.

Yield: 12 servings.

BANANA-WALNUT SCONES

Try these for extra protein, vitamin E, and potassium.

3 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup packed brown sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking soda
3 Tbsp. chilled stick margarine or butter
¾ cup low-fat buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 large egg whites
1 cup mashed ripe banana (about 2 medium)
Cooking spray
½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 Tbsp. brown sugar

1.Preheat oven to 205 degrees.

2. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife.

Combine the flour and the next 4 ingredients (flour through baking soda) in a bowl, and cut in the margarine with a pastry blender or 2 knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal.

3. Combine buttermilk, vanilla and egg whites in a bowl, and stir well with a whisk. Add buttermilk mixture and banana to flour mixture, stirring just until moist (dough will be wet and sticky).

4. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; with floured hands, knead lightly 4 times. Pat the dough into a 23 cm. circle on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle the walnuts and 1 Tbsp. brown sugar over dough, and press gently into dough. Cut dough into 12 wedges, cutting into, but not through, the dough. Bake at 205 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden. Yield: 12 servings.

CRUNCHY GRANOLA WITH DRIED FRUIT

Coconut, almonds, and sunflower kernels abound in this no-oil recipe. And a ½-cup serving provides about 15 percent of the US Daily Value for iron.

1 cup boiling water
½ cup sweetened dried cranberries (such as Craisins) ¼ cup packed brown sugar
1 (6-ounce) bag dried mixed tropical fruit
3 cups regular oats
½ cup sliced almonds
½ cup roasted sunflower kernels
¼ cup flaked sweetened coconut
2 Tbsp. nonfat dry milk
1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1.Preheat oven to 150 degrees.

2. Combine the first 4 ingredients in a bowl, and let stand 15 minutes.

3.Combine oats and remaining ingredients, and stir into the dried-fruit mixture. Sprinkle oat mixture over a jelly-roll pan, and bake at 150 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool granola to room temperature. Store in an airtight container. Yield: 6 cups (serving size: ½ cup).

CINNAMON-RAISIN OATMEAL BARS

3 cups quick-cooking oats
1 cup raisins
⅔ cup packed brown sugar
½ cup sliced almonds
⅓ cup water ¼ cup sesame seeds
¼ cup stick margarine or butter, melted
2 Tbsp. nonfat dry milk
1½ tsp. ground cinnamon
Cooking spray

1.Preheat oven to 205 degrees.

2. Combine all ingredients except cooking spray in a food processor; process until combined. Press oat mixture into a 33 x 23 cm. baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 205 degrees for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Yield: 16 bars (serving size: 1 bar).

WHOLE-WHEAT PECAN MUFFINS

1 cup whole-wheat flour
½ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup stone-ground yellow cornmeal
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1¼ cups low-fat buttermilk
½ cup packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp. stick margarine or butter, melted
1 tsp. almond extract
2 large egg whites
Cooking spray
½ cup chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 190 degrees.

2. Lightly spoon flours into dry measuring cups; level with a knife.

Combine flours and the next 4 ingredients (flours through salt) in a medium bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Combine buttermilk, sugar, margarine, almond extract, and egg whites; stir well with a whisk. Add to flour mixture, stirring just until moist.

3. Spoon the batter into 12 muffin cups coated with cooking spray; sprinkle with nuts. Bake at 190 degrees for 20 minutes or until muffins spring back when touched lightly in center. Remove from pans immediately. Yield: 1 dozen (serving size: 1 muffin).

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Phyllis's Tips

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Hot rolls for the holiday

Several readers have written me with questions about yeast use, especially wanting to know if it is possible to freeze yeast dough before baking. One reader asked if it is possible to make rolls and bake them first thing in the morning. Here's the scoop: Make the dough and freeze it immediately, before it has a chance to rise. If it has risen a little, punch down and knead briefly before freezing it.

If you are planning to bake bread the next morning, set the frozen bread dough on a baking sheet on the counter and let it defrost and rise overnight. The bread should rise fully overnight. If rolls are desired, shape the dough before you freeze it and place the frozen rolls on a baking tray (or a reusable aluminum baking dish lined with parchment paper) and store in the refrigerator overnight. If they don't rise fully in the refrigerator, leave the rolls out till they do.

Make sure the dough rises fully (to the size you think it should be) before baking as usual. It also is crucial to have the oven preheated to the correct temperature before baking.

Date adventure (good)

If you're traveling during the holidays, you might want to stop at Kibbutz Kinneret's Israel Date Center. You can go on a tour of the factory and buy gift packages of dates. The Kinneret Farm is open all week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays and holiday eves from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information call (06)- 675-9678.

Ran Shmueli cooks for the holidays

For those who already are tired of cooking for the holidays and yet don't want to eat in restaurants, there's another alternative. If you're thinking of entertaining, some caterers will send dinners to your home. One of these is Ran Shmueli, who offers a variety of first courses like individual chicken liver, mushroom and marsala quiches (NIS 17 each); gefilte fish (NIS 40 for 5 pieces); and chopped chicken liver (NIS 37.50 for 500 gr.).

Shmueli's menu also includes mullard breast in sweet date sauce (NIS 180 per kg.); chicken Wellington (NIS 175 per kg.); and various side dishes and desserts.

The food is not kosher. For information call his deli at Gan Ha'ir (03-527-9177) or in Herzliya (09-951-4358).

Microwave tip

I recently received a letter from Sandi Marcus, of Ra'anana, asking why I rarely relate to the microwave. The truth is that I mostly use the microwave to reheat food. I sometimes use it for steaming vegetables, but my Chinese steamer basket yields tastier results almost as quickly.

Microwave cooking currently is considered healthful by some nutritionists since it retains far more nutrients than cooking vegetables in a pot of water on a stove. It's also very handy for cooking potatoes, but oven-baked or burner-top clay-baked potatoes taste better.

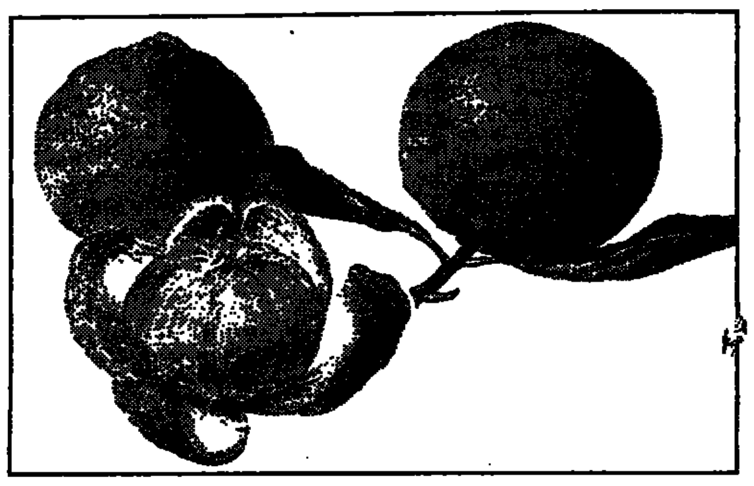
An important thing to remember when using the microwave is to use only plastic utensils specifically intended for microwave use. Plastic wrap should not come in direct contact with the food to avoid interaction between the chemicals in the plastic and food.

Here are some of Marcus's suggestions for cooking vegetables that might be especially helpful during the holiday season.

- Corn on the cob can be made quickly in a microwave. Cut off the top and base of each ear so that it fits into a glass baking dish. Cover dish with plastic wrap and fold back a corner to vent. Microwave on full power for about 4 minutes per ear. Carefully remove husks before serving.
- Anytime a recipe calls for boiling or steaming the vegetable, do it in the microwave. The vegetables come out tender yet crisp and ready to be added to soups or sauces or prepared for barbecuing.
- Broccoli and asparagus come out well when cooked in the microwave if they first are cleaned, peeled a bit on the stalks and placed in a glass measuring cup with a big bag over the top to allow for steam expansion. Microwave about 4-5 minutes for ½ kg.

Feed Back

By PHYLLIS GLAZER



I have a cookbook from the UK with great recipes in it, but since I'm American I don't always understand what is meant by some of the ingredients, like clotted cream and double cream.

In the US we had heavy cream and light cream and half-and-half, so when I try to translate it to Israel, I'm really confused. Can you help?

– Doris Grossman, Ra'anana

In Israel we have regular cream which is 38%. There is also UFT long-life cream which is also 38%.

The minimum milk fat content by weight for various types of cream is: clotted cream 55%; double cream 48%; heavy cream 36%; whipping cream 35%-30%; single cream (in the UK) or light cream (in the US) 18%; and half cream or half-and-half 12%.

Where can I find mushrooms that are large enough to stuff? Is there a grower I can go to?

– Dahlia Mahler, Herzliya

I found large mushrooms at the foot of the Carmel Market, right across from the parking lot.

Perhaps you also can ask your local greengrocer to order them for you.

Another possibility is to call Exotica (03-971-1130), a company specializing in gourmet produce.

I look forward with anticipation to your suggestion about what to do with the fruit of my mini-tangerine tree.

– Marc Drezner, Hadera

You did not mention whether the fruits of your tree are bitter (like mine are) or sweet. My only suggestion is to try prepare them in syrup and see if that works. Here's a recipe that I've tried before with kumquats that might work for your tangerines:

TANGERINES IN SYRUP

2 cups water
½ cup honey
1 cup sugar or demerara sugar
500 gr. tangerines

Mix water, honey and sugar in a pot and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring to prevent burning. Add tangerines (mine have a loose skin which is easily peeled, you might want to try peeling some and leaving others unpeeled to check out the difference), and cook over low heat till the fruit is tender, stirring often and pressing them down into the syrup with the back of a spoon.

For a spiced version, add 1-2 hot peppers, 1½ tsp. turmeric, a piece of cinnamon, a dash of nutmeg, ½ tsp. ginger, 2 whole cloves and ½ tsp. cumin seeds. (Makes 1 liter.)

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Wine Cellar

Wine tasting

By **NOGA TARNOPOLSKY**

What to do at a wine tasting is a matter of great contention. Face it, I tell myself, hanging out and tasting wines is a somewhat odd activity, and, unfortunately, the question of how to do it properly – for example, whether to spit or swallow, whether to have a multitude of glasses on the table or just one which you rinse out, and what, if anything, to put in your mouth during or before the proceedings – has unfortunately sunk into the realm of what I think of, for want of a better word, as *da'awinism*. (*Da'awinism*, derived from the Arabic word *da'aween*, refers to the act of subjecting your companions to a spectacle of your supposed expertise in any given field.)

Clearly, this is not an offshoot of the better-known school of thought known as Darwinism. Da'awinism causes some people to announce boldly that they drink only red wines and no white, with the assumption that this renders them more "expert" in the eyes of their dinner companions. Other victims may announce, with a similar degree of certainty, that only high-grade Italian extra-virgin olive oil may be consumed on the morning of a wine tasting.

I have chosen the subject of wine tastings because of a new product out on the market called original wine crackers. After telling us that these crackers will "enhance your enjoyment of wine and other beverages," the label on the package further informs us that these dry, crumbly pellets, produced by Trenton Crackers, are "the crackers that winemakers use" and are "also perfect with coffee, herbal teas, and juices." (Why not black teas? you may ask. I wondered about this myself.)

My main gripe against this item, which sells for NIS 8.95, is that it seeks to take advantage of those poor lost souls suffering from advanced Da'awinism whose only crime is that they want to impress the friends they invite home for a wine tasting.

So let us clarify, once and for all, the matter of what you may or may not eat when tasting wines. To begin with, I do not recommend these crackers, which are, simply put, awful, pasty, vaguely sweet and close in spirit to styrofoam. (They have the same combination of bulk and weightlessness.)

There are some adherents of a rural, somewhat heroic ethic who will start out the morning of a wine tasting by swallowing an unbroken raw egg yolk and following this with an invigorating horseback ride. (My grandmother is a devotee but, unfortunately, the tendency does not seem to be genetic.)

Other tasters will swallow one or more tablespoons of *extra-virgin* olive oil in anticipation of a proper tasting, in the belief that it coats their stomachs protectively against alcohol. I have never been able to do this myself, but have it on excellent authority that it works. Still, even the hardiest among us, even when we spit out the wine instead of swallowing it, do become woozy at about the 12th tasting.

My own preference is to slowly eat a small container of plain yogurt and follow it up with a few glasses of mineral water about a half an hour before the actual tasting.

During the tasting itself, apart from water glasses, paper and pens, the only thing on the table should be cubes of a simple bread such as baguette, which can be munched upon should the need arise.

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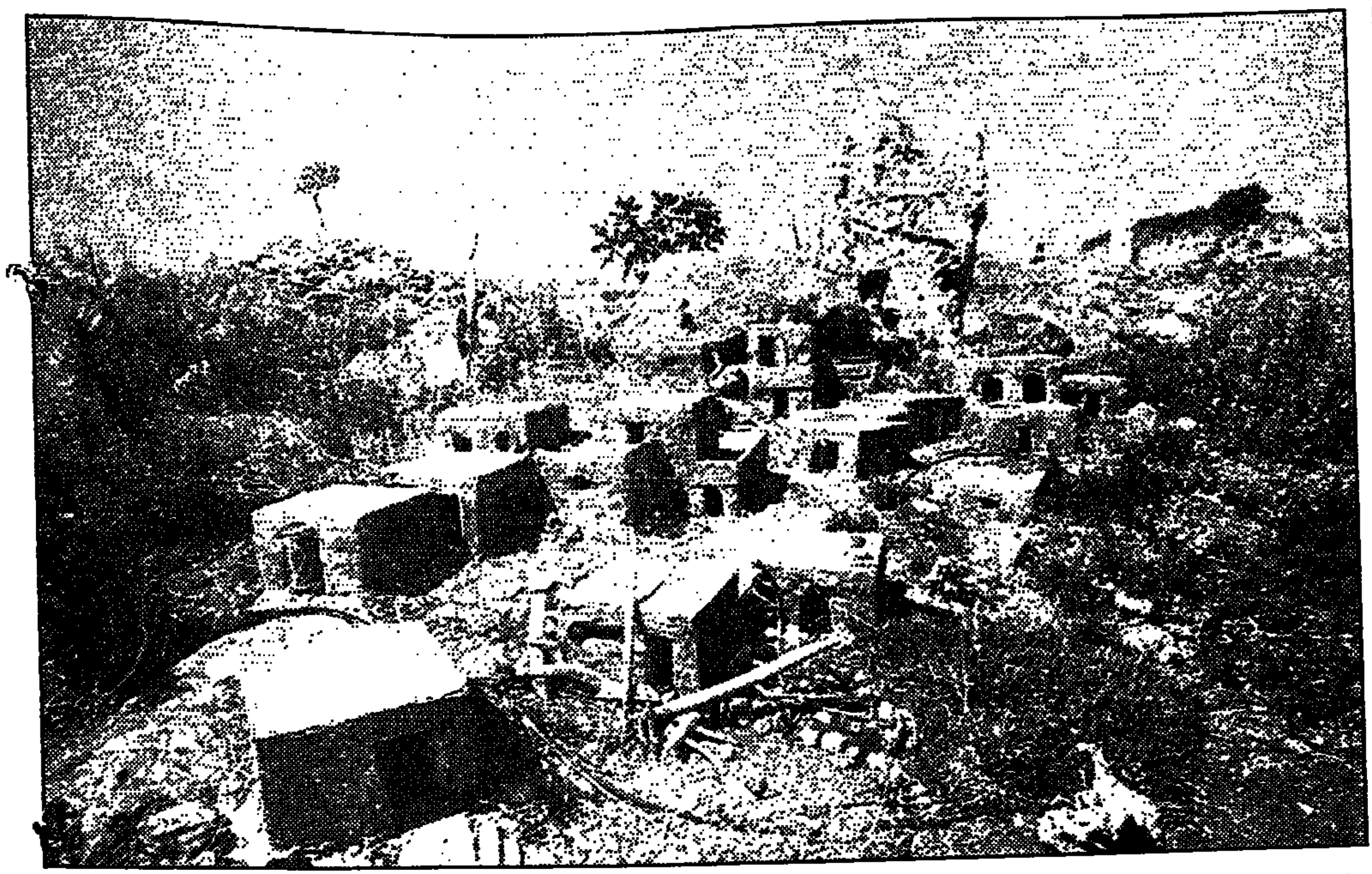
Weekender Travel



Hashvil El Hagiva, one of the few local examples of spontaneous folk art, is the product of one man's imagination. (Photos: Sarit Uziely)

Pathway to the imagination

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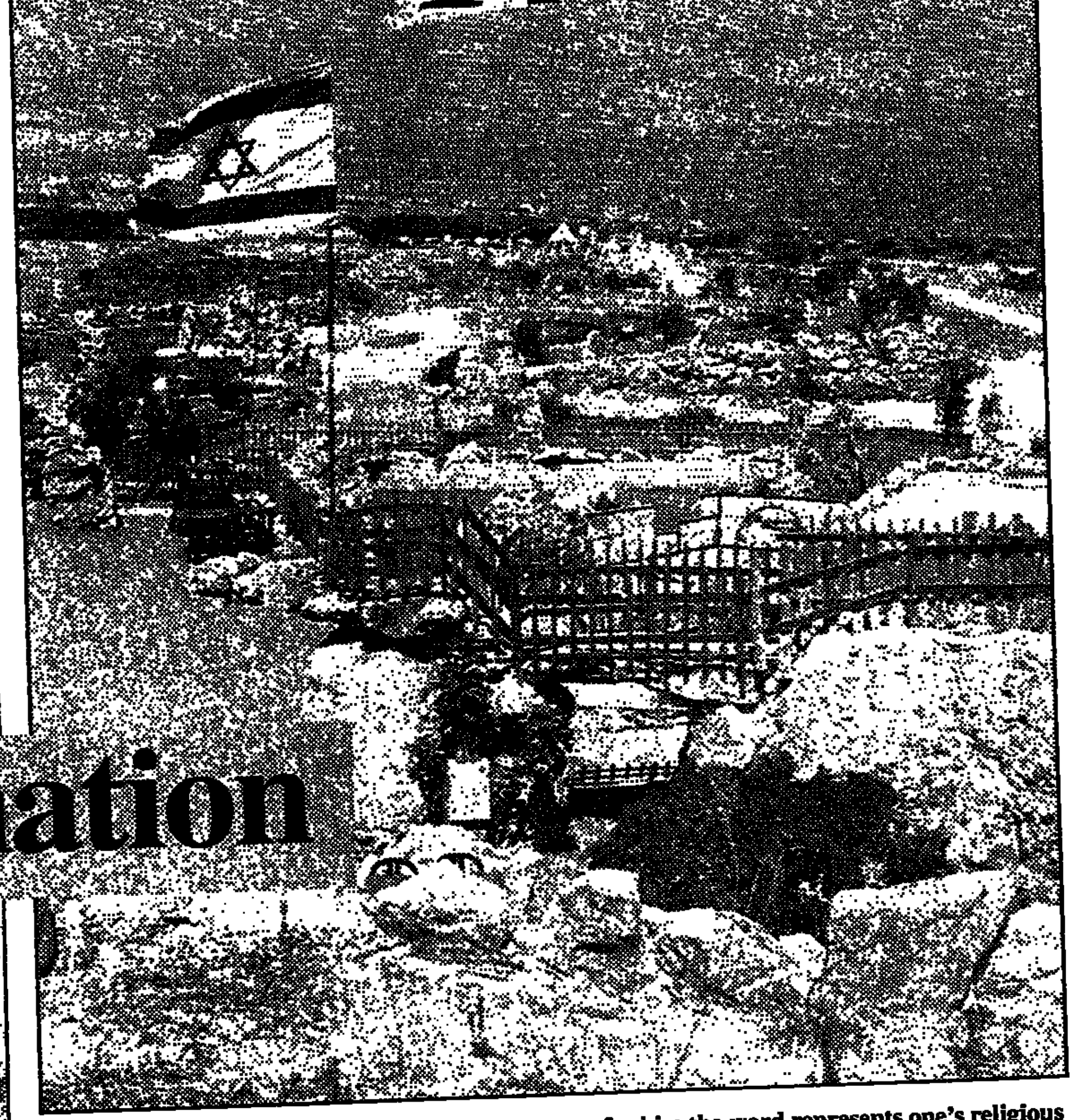

Owner Hamzi says he named the site 'path' because for him the word represents one's religious tradition: 'Honor the path from which you come and give respect to other paths,' he says.

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro

In our world of shopping malls and museums, where works of art on public display must have official approval, we sometimes miss spontaneous expressions of folk art, the product of one person's imagination. Hashvil El Hagiva, ("the path to the precipice") is a places which offers just that.

Located in the mountains of Upper Galilee, it gives full range to one person's imagination, and therefore is a pleasant place to visit.

The owner, founder, planner, builder and manager is an amiable ex-army officer from the Druse community answering only to the name of Hamzi. He says he named the site "path" because for him the word represents one's religious tradition.

"Honor the path from which you come and give respect to other paths," he says.

The first thing that strikes Hamzi's visitors is giant rocks erected in a seemingly haphazard manner. Many of them resemble animals and Hamzi has painted in an eye here, a mouth there. One rock even has a camel saddle.

Further on, a group of stones has been arranged around a small pool and a motor-driven waterfall.

The site also boasts an amphitheater where Hamzi offers study sessions and seminars on nature.

He explains to groups the importance of living in harmony with nature and how, when the leaves of a tree face toward the east, it means that there is a wind from the west. He tells how a dog living in a wadi (dry river bed) will take her puppies to higher ground hours before humans have any indication that there will be a flash flood.

He speaks proudly of the fact that the hunters who used to shoot animals in the area have desisted – realizing they can't shoot with children around. As a result, a flock of quails, as well as gazelles, jackals, porcupines and even what he describes as one little boar, now all live nearby.

At the end of the path is a cave, lit naturally by a hole in the ceiling, where light meals such as humous, labane and salad are served. But Hamzi stresses that his main purpose is not to act as a restaurateur, he simply wants to offer visitors a place to eat if they get hungry.

To get to the site, you must turn off the Golani-Kadarim Highway at the sign for Mughar (also written Mrar). About 200 meters down the road is a sign to the site, with flags waving from flagpoles on either side. The site itself is about 10-minute drive down a very navigable dirt road.

The site is open from early morning to late at night. There is no admission fee, although Hamzi does charge for the lectures and seminars. For information, tel. 050-383908.

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Weekender Leisure

The combination of 'voice' and style creates an individual's photographic signature: (Above) A Russian girl sits guard over her parents' worldly goods at Ben-Gurion Airport; (Below) Symbols of the times in downtown Jerusalem (Photos: David Brauner)

A photographic signature

On Camera

By David Brauner

With the New Year season here, it's a most appropriate time to take a hard look at your photographic "signature." The fact of the matter is that you are your photographs and your photographs are you. So when you look at your pictures, you're also looking at a part of you.

Before going any further, let's sort out two terms that will help us to better understand the essence of our photo signature: "voice" and "style." Most photo writers and critics often confuse the two and use them interchangeably.

Voice is the unconscious element – the photographer's personality and temperament – that comes through in every picture. Brashness, recklessness, thoughtfulness and orderliness are examples of inborn characteristics that determine the areas where a photographer will work, which frames s/he will intuitively take or not take, and the important part accidents and luck will play in his or her learning process.

Your photographic voice is the common thread that runs through all your pictures. It's your fingerprint, your handwriting profile, your DNA typing. Your voice is unique and unalterable.

Voice underlies style. Style is the conscious element of photography (or for that matter, any other art form). Style is a function of choice and planning: which camera, materials, lighting, subject matter, composition, and on and on. Style is the sum total of a photographer's decisions.

A style emerges, develops and matures as likes and dislikes change. Style is likely to vary through a long career, or from one photographic medium to another. Physical and financial limitations, associations with other photographers and the demands made on one's work by personal ambition or clients can also influence style.

It would be a mistake to oversimplify the separation between voice and style. The two concepts are intimately bound up. Every picture a photographer produces ultimately bears his one-of-a-kind, combined voice/style "signature."

The aim of every photographer is to create a recognizable signature. Some photographic signatures are strong and exciting, while others may be cool and soothing.

When I worked in the Jerusalem Post Photo Archives, part of the job was searching through envelopes of pictures organized by subjects. After years of experience, I could easily recognize the distinct signatures of most of the photographers the paper worked with. Of course, sometimes I'd turn over the picture, see the name of the photographer, and discover I was wrong.

But not often.

For me, the signature of David Rubinger is uniquely identifiable for its consistent high quality. The voice radiates honesty and integrity, confidence and solidity. His straightforward, three-dimensional style, backed up by sharpness and superb print quality, is never crude or invasive.

As a great news photographer, the late Rahamim Israeli possessed the important knack of being there. His photo voice had a quickness and rare modesty: His rough and ready, professional snapshot style captured the immediacy of the events he covered. He geared his pictures for tomorrow's paper.

Werner Braun's signature is that of a creative illustrator. His pictures often tell stories, convey a mood, or dispense his quiet smiling sense of humor. Stylistically, Braun pays a great deal of attention to detail and balance in the composition of his prints.

The feminine signatures of two more outstanding photographers also spring to mind. The pictures of Karen Benzian exhibit a strong, but highly sensitive voice. Her portraits invariably bring her subjects across with a truthfulness that is always kind and considerate, never painful or harsh.

Her stylistic choice of soft lighting and printing perfectly complement her voice.

Last but not least, Aliza Auerbach's voice comes off her pictures, indelibly rich in warmth and subtlety. She styles her images to capture the fleeting nuances of her subjects. Her signature is marked by a very individual sense of visual artistry and cleanness of composition.

Your photographic signature, like your written signature, should not be contrived, but allowed to flow naturally. Let your interests determine where you take your camera. Experience will teach you what to photograph, but do not ignore your instincts. Do not be afraid to experiment or change your style.

Do not be afraid to expose yourself to the work of other photographers. Try to identify the elements you like, but avoid consciously copying whole signatures. In the end, if you like your photographic signature, chances are other people will as well.

A Happy New Year, and may all your photography be inscribed for enjoyment.

Your photography questions and comments are welcome. Contact David Brauner, e-mail: morrir@mail.biu.ac.il (writing "for David" in the subject line) or fax 02-563-7792 or c/o Photo Archives, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000.

So-so de la Renta

Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

The attractive packaging of So de la Renta is misleading. If anything isn't "so" de la Renta – this isn't. Previous fragrances have had staying power and elan; but this one has minimal strength and evaporates quickly.

For those who want to try it, the price tag on a 7.5 ml bottle of perfume is NIS 329. The eau de cologne comes in 30, 50 and 100 ml bottles priced at NIS 137, NIS 186 and NIS 275.

Since fragrances are often named over a year before hitting the market, Samba's release of his and her fragrances, Zipped for Man and Unzipped for Woman, were *not* inspired by Bill and Monica. Breezily fresh, tangy, pleasant and energetic, Zipped is a blend of citrus, floral and wood essences. The eau de cologne sells for NIS 119 for 50 ml and NIS 179 for 100 ml. The After Shave at NIS 99 for 50 ml is a better buy.

If you find Unzipped somewhat reminiscent of Angel, it's because in both cases chocolate and vanilla are the strongest of the base note components and the flavor really rises to the top. The Eau de Toilette is available in three sizes – 30, 50 and 100 ml at NIS 119, NIS169 and NIS219.

Sweeter and less aggressive than most male fragrances, Le Roy Soleil Homme by Salvador Dali is a special-occasion eau de toilette which seems more suited to a night at the opera than to everyday use.

Exuding a slightly spicy aroma, its other components of citrus, floral and wood essences blend in an unidentifiable way. Classified as for men, I would call it a unisex scent.

By contrast, Christian Dior's Body Radiance A 50 ml bottle of eau de cologne is priced at NIS159, while NIS100 ml costs NIS212. It is also available as an After Shave, selling for NIS159 for 100 ml.

Skin drying out in the heat had everyone rushing for their moisturizing creams.

Beersheba-based S. Schwartz, known for its natural hair and cosmetic products, has released a moisturizing cream based on honey and propolis, both used by ancient cosmeticians.

This moisturizer, priced at NIS75 a jar, helped my skin feel smoother and more elastic, but it was just a smidgen too greasy.

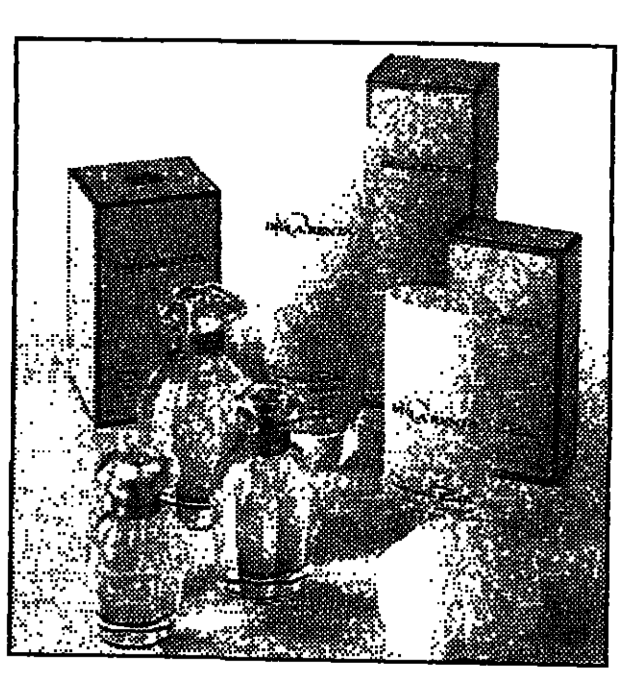
Skin exposed to the sun not only dries out but also becomes dotted with pigmentation marks. Nina Ricci claims that its Serum Nacre, an innovative, translucent whitening serum, can help lighten and even remove existing pigmentation marks.

I haven't tried it for long enough, but if you are willing to invest NIS199 in a 30 ml bottle with eye dropper applicator, you can experiment for yourself.

WHENEVER a cosmetics company announces a "breakthrough" I take it with a grain of salt, and thus was skeptical about Skin Maximizer, the new series from Lancaster Laboratories.

Radiance is the new buzz word in cosmetics, and Prof. Leonard Zastrow, the company's senior vice-president of research and development, was talking about about microcirculation, which helps products impart new radiance to the skin while slowing down aging.

Zastrow didn't promise lines would fade, but did say the results would be instantly noticeable – and, surprisingly, they were. There was a glow about my skin that hadn't been there before, *and I did look* more vibrant.



(Above) So de la Renta lacks the staying power and elan of previous de la Renta fragrances; (Left) Le Roy Soleil Homme by Salvador Dali is sweeter and less aggressive than most male fragrances – women shouldn't think twice about wearing it.

Moisturizer makes the skin feel smoother but doesn't exactly make it glow, as claimed.

Guerlain, among the most prestigious of the French perfume and cosmetics companies, has come out with a new skin care line called Les Gestes Purette, subtitled Radiance. It contains a gentle exfoliater, a moisturizing mask and a purifying mask.

If you think there are a lot of ingredients in a cake, you should see how much goes into a skin toner. In the Soft Touch Interact series there are *purifying toners which calm and condition*, and others which refresh and condition. The series also features Natural Hydrophylic Eye Make-Up Remover.

Bridge

The inhuman element

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North (GIB-2)
♠A 10 9 4
♥Q
♦A 9 8 3
♣J 9 7 6

West (Rosenberg)
♠Q 3
♥J 10 8 7 5 4
♦4
♣Q 8 4 3

East (Zia)
♠J 7 6
♥A K 9 6 3
♦J 2
♣A K 5

South (GIB)
♠K 8 5 2
♥2
♦K Q 10 7 6 5
♣10 2

South	West	North	East
pass	3♦	pass	3♠
4♦	4♥	5♦	(all pass)

Opening lead: ♥J

A new element has reared its head in the world of bridge: the computer.

There are two kinds of computer bridge, stand-alone software and on-line activities. The latter offers a multitude of services, including Web sites and interactive "virtual" bridge clubs.

The latest is our own Bridge Today University, which offers classes by e-mail. Check it out at *www.BridgeToday.com* (forgive the short commercial).

Stand-alone products (which are not connected to the Internet) have been most successful when they're programmed with specific hands for teaching.

Software that allows the user to play against the computer has not shown ability above the novice level until recently, with the emergence of a product called "Goren In a Box," or "GIB," named after the late Charles Goren, the promoter of pointcount bidding.

GIB was created by computer-software whiz Matt Ginsberg, and this past August it (they) played a challenge match against two humans, Michael Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood, one of the world's best partnerships.

The two humans sat at separate terminals as GIB (which is only a piece of software) played from within the computer. GIB and his partner, GIB-2, lost to the humans, but not without a good fight.

Observers say that the loquacious Zia may have been concentrating too much on his glib table talk, but neither GIB nor his cloned partner took notice (one of the advantages of being "all machine").

Today's deal is from that match. The GIBs found their way to a respectable sacrifice against rather complicated bidding methods by the humans.

GIB (South) showed tremendous discipline when it passed the chance to open a diamond preempt with a side four-card major.

The human Rosenberg, however, showed the other extreme as he opened the West hand with a whimsical three *diamonds* in second seat. This was conventional, showing a weak hand with either hearts or spades.

North passed and Zia (East) bid three spades. This bid told Rosenberg to pass if he held spades but bid four hearts if he had hearts.

Now GIB threw in a brave four-level overcall and Rosenberg bid four hearts, as his partner requested. Perhaps it took an inhuman partnership to overcome this chicanery, as North (GIB-2) raised to five diamonds.

It was at this point critics of the GIBs (showing that human trait of jealousy) pointed out that a well-oiled North-South partnership would have been able to make a responsive double of four hearts with the North cards, allowing South to bid four spades and play the eight-card spade fit. This may be true, but the direct five-diamond raise had the merit of escaping the double, as Zia meekly passed, allowing the GIBs to steal the show.

Rosenberg led the jack of hearts to the king and Zia cashed two clubs and led a third club. GIB was about to lean over and claim when it suddenly discarded a spade (to the dismay of its Dr. Frankenstein inventor).

Rosenberg won the queen of clubs and quickly shot back the fourth club for Zia to ruff. GIB was no longer able to discard a second spade on the jack of clubs, and the contract was three down.

This was a bit humiliating to the GIBs, but Rosenberg was quick to excuse GIB's play.

"He's only wrong when I hold four clubs to the queen. If I hold three to the queen or a doubleton club and diamonds are 3-0, his spade discard actually gains a trick."

Reprieved by the computer-like analysis of the human on his left, GIB was all smiles. It was heart-warming to see.

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Chess

Resigned to loss

By NIGEL SHORT

DORTMUND this year was notable for several things; from a British perspective Michael Adams' joint first place was a great cause for celebration. True, he could be considered a trifle fortuitous against Anand but that is one of his strengths, tenacity in the face of adversity.

Kramnik came back well after his recent disastrous match with Shirov. He has now notched up so many victories in Dortmund that he must be having difficulty keeping count.

Anand had an unprecedented disastrous performance failing to win a single game. Garry Kasparov was scathing about the Indian's preparation saying that he wanted to amble over the magical 2800 barrier without showing any new ideas.

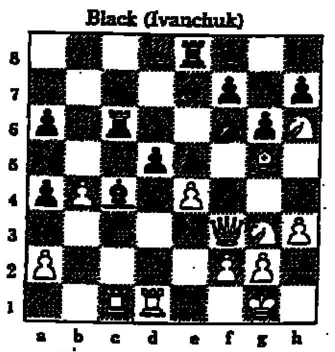
Garry's challenger for the autumn, Alexei Shirov, fared even worse, propping up the others. Don't read too much into that; he will play much better during the match but will still get whopped.

A victory in the final round enabled Peter Svidler to catch Kramnik and Adams. It was almost the game of the tournament had it not been marred by a serious miscalculation shortly before the end.

White: Svidler
Black: Ivanchuk
Dortmund, July 1998

1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘c6 3. ♗b5 a6 4. ♗a4 ♘f6 5. 0-0 ♗e7 6. ♖e1 b5 7. ♗b3 d6 8. c3 0-0 9. h3 ♗b7 10. d4 ♖e8. The Zaitsev variation, once Karpov's mainstay. The drawback with this sophisticated opening is that it is very difficult to handle. 11. ♘g5 ♖f8 12. ♘f3 ♖e8 13. ♘bd2 ♗f8 14. d5 ♘b8 15. ♘f1 ♘bd7. Regular readers of this column should recognise this position which brought Kovacevic and me attractive wins. 16. ♘g3. Deviating from the above mentioned games which continued 16. N3h2. Of course 16. Ng3 is by no means new. 16. ...♖c8 17. ♘h2 ♘c5 18. ♗c2 c6 19. dxc6 ♗xc6 20. ♗g5 g6? 20. ...h6 21. ♗xf6 ♕xf6 22. ♘g4 ♕g5 23. ♘e3 was considerably safer with just an edge for White. The text allows some penetration. 21. ♘g4 ♗e7 22. ♘h6+ ♔f8 23. ♕f3 Introducing a nasty pin on the knight. 23. ...♗d7 24. ♖ed1! The right rook. 24. ...♖c6 25. b4 ♘a4 26. ♗b3 ♗e6 26. ...♖xc3 27. ♘xf7 ♖xf3 28. ♗h6+ ♔g8 29. ♘xd8+ wins material. 27. c4!! Very imaginative, exploiting the looseness of the Black pieces. 27. ...♗xc4 28. ♗xa4 bxa4 29. ♖ac1 d5.

Black (Ivanchuk)



White (Svidler) to play

30. ♘hf5!! gxf5 31. ♘xf5?? 31. ♗h6+ ♔g8 32. ♘xf5 was the right way to do things. 31. ...♘xe4 32. ♗h6+ ♔g8?? Returning the compliment. Instead 32. ...♖xh6 33. ♘xh6 ♘g5 34. ♕h5 ♕b6! 35. h4 ♕g6! would have led to a Black victory. 33. ♖xc4! Disgusted at his oversight, Ivanchuk resigned. This needs a little explanation. After 33. ...Rxc4 34. Rxd5! Qc7 (Qxd5 35. Nxe7+ followed by Qg4+ mates) 35. Nxe7+ Qxe7 36. Qg4+ Ng5 37. Qxc4 leads to a winning position. There are other possible defences involving Ng5 or Bg5 but none sufficient to save the game. Still, for the benefit of the spectators he might have played on a bit.

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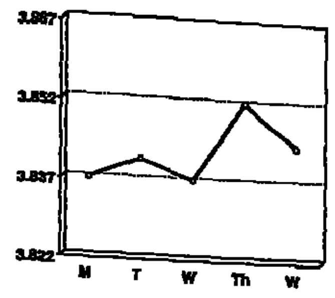

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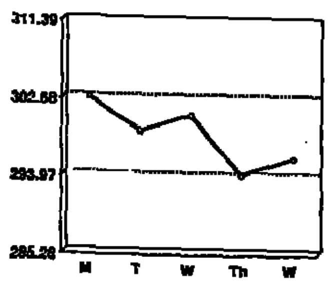

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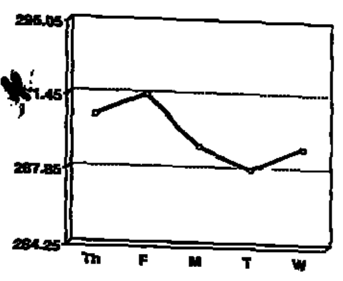

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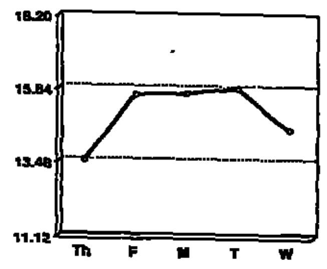

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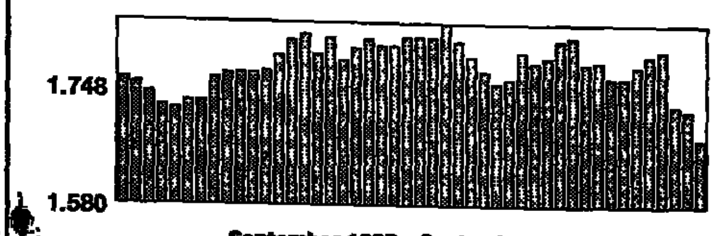

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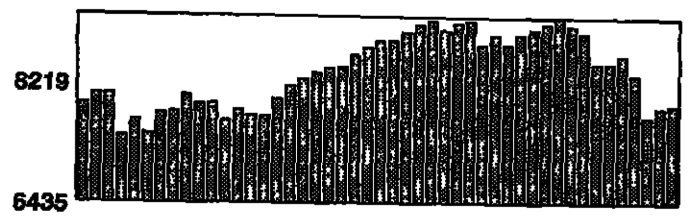

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Lockheed Martin seeking local investments

Lockheed Martin is examining possible direct investments in Israeli companies, and is even considering acquiring them, according to vice president for business development, Robert Trace.

The firm is bidding for a $2.5 billion Defense Ministry tender for the replenishment of fighter jets, in which it is offering F-16A aircraft. Boeing won a previous tender with its F-15I aircraft.

Lockheed Martin announced yesterday it has signed 75 "binding documents for the continuation of discussions" with Israeli companies, towards creating cooperation. Documents in the field of control and data management software were signed.

Globes News Service

Koor increases stake in ECI

Koor Industries increased its stake in ECI Telecom to 18.1 percent by buying stock from Bankers Trust and other investors who exercised an option to sell the shares. The conglomerate purchased 1.02 million shares at the beginning of the month for a price of $34.94-$35 per share. ECI's shares were traded on Tuesday in New York at $25.5 per share. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Siemens to open purchasing office here

Siemens, one of the world's largest electronics and engineering companies, announced yesterday that it is to open an international procurement office here for making purchases from local industry for itself and other companies with which it has supply agreements.

The office, to be located in Tel Aviv, will be the sixth international presence for the Munich, Germany-based Siemens, which has other procurement offices in the US, Japan, Singapore, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Ephraim Shoham, head of the Industrial Cooperation Authority, said the opening of the office would boost Israel's industrial export potential. Siemens has signed a multi-year counterpurchase deal with the government, and has bought some DM 500 million worth of goods from 70 Israeli companies since 1993.

Nina Gilbert

Ben-Gurion passenger traffic up 2%

The number of international travelers passing through Ben-Gurion Airport between January and August increased by 2 percent, to 5.1 million people, compared to the same period last year, the Transport Ministry announced yesterday.

The increase is attributed to the number of Israelis travelling, which offset the drop in the number of tourists. Chartered flights showed an 11% rise, while regular airline traffic increased 1%.

Shi Davidi

Second-largest diamond exporter facing liquidity difficulties

Industry expert: Lorenzi Diamonds accumulated $100m. in debt

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Lorenzi Diamonds, the country's second-largest diamond exporter, is facing serious cash-flow problems, industry sources said yesterday.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that millions of dollars worth of checks distributed by the company bounced on Sunday.

Lorenzi owes Bank Leumi, United Mizrahi Bank and Israel Discount Bank some $60 million. In addition, its debt to other diamond dealers is another $40m.

The banks involved in the potentially bad debts refused to comment for attribution, but senior banking sources confirmed the report.

Yossi Lorenzi, the company owner, was not available for comment.

Haim Even-Zohar, who edits the diamond industry's leading newsletter *Mazal U'vracha Diamond Magazine* and is very close to Lorenzi, confirmed the report but said the total assets of the company exceed its debt.

"There are at the moment cash-flow problems caused by slow payments of overseas customers," he said, adding that the banks are currently meeting with the company "so that the problem can be satisfactorily solved," and that Lorenzi intends to meet all his business obligations.

One banking source said Lorenzi owes some $30m. to Israel Discount Bank, while the remaining $30m. is divided between United Mizrahi Bank and Bank Leumi.

The future of the company is still not clear, and diamond dealers fear that if the talks reach a deadlock the banks might seek to have Lorenzi declared bankrupt.

According to Even-Zohar, however, liquidity problems are not uncommon in the diamond industry, and he believes that Lorenzi's difficulties will be resolved "within days."

Industry sources said that if Lorenzi is declared bankrupt, it would not only be the largest bankruptcy in the diamond industry in the last decade but also one of the largest of its kind in the entire business sector, and as such would impact the entire banking sector.

Such a development would also have a widespread effect on an already embattled diamond industry, where more bankruptcies might follow that of such a major industry player.

Diamond dealers said the meteoric rise of 39-year-old Yossi Lorenzi is almost unprecedented.

"During the last four years he expanded his business at an amazing pace by borrowing money from banks," said one dealer. "Apparently the main problem is that he is suffering from negative cash flow in the US," said the source. "I guess that his forecasts were too optimistic."

Lorenzi, who last year was ranked as Israel's third-largest diamond producer with exports of over $176.8m., has since then expanded and become the second-largest diamond exporter.

The diamond industry has been suffering from growing difficulties, as exports to Southeast Asia fell by more than 50 percent following the Asian financial crisis.

During the first seven months of the year diamond exports declined by 15% to $2.94 billion from $3.48b. a year ago.

The Israel Diamond Manufacturers Association said earlier this year that during the last year 2,000 workers left the industry, raising the number of layoffs during the last several years to 7,000.

UK blocks Ladbroke's takeover of Coral

By TIM FARRAND

LONDON (Reuters) - The attempt by British hotel and leisure company Ladbroke Group Plc to take over rival betting shop operator Coral fell at the last hurdle yesterday as the government ordered it to sell off the chain within six months.

Ladbroke's deal to buy the 891-strong chain collapsed as Britain's Trade and Industry Minister Peter Mandelson ordered the company to sell off the Coral betting shops that it acquired only last December for £376 million.

Mandelson agreed with the findings of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) enquiry and the advice of the director general of Fair Trading that merger between Britain's No. 1 betting shop operator Ladbroke and the third largest player Coral would act against the public interest.

"I therefore accept the MMC's unanimous conclusion that the merger is against the public interest, with adverse effects on price competition, innovation and choice, to the detriment of the punters," he said in a statement.

The deal had been referred to the MMC for a full enquiry in March by then trade and industry minister Margaret Beckett, and it marks Mandelson's first major decision on competition policy since he took over the ministerial post in July.

Analysts speculated that groups such as Stanley Leisure Plc and the state-owned Tote would be leading candidates that may be interested in Coral.

Shareholder power

Michael Crick, a founder member of Shareholders United against Murdoch, arrives at a post office in Manchester yesterday with some of the 28,000 letters he is mailing to Manchester United shareholders, in an attempt to thwart Rupert Murdoch's takeover of the club. The United board has accepted the proposed £623 million deal, but still needs approval from the shareholders and the government. (AP)

Yishai, contractors clash over Palestinian workers

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Employers' representatives yesterday hit out at Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai after he accused them of preventing 13,000 Palestinian workers from entering the country.

Yishai claimed the workers are entitled to enter under an agreement between his ministry and the government coordinator in the territories.

While 17,000 workers were permitted to cross the various checkpoints, Yishai claimed a further 13,000 were prevented from doing so as 4,000 Israeli employers, mainly contractors, refused to comply with new regulations which would have facilitated the additional influx of workers.

An agreement between the ministry and the coordinator allows for as many as 30,000 daily work permits to be granted to Palestinians while a closure is in place on the territories. However, Yishai claimed the employers are not prepared to sign documentation stating that they accept full responsibility for the workers and their actions.

Employers say they cannot be expected to take on a security role.

"You think each employer should be responsible if a Palestinian commits an act of terror," said Association of Constructors and Builders director-general Shmuel Arad.

Meanwhile, Yishai rejected a call from contractors to distribute further permits to foreign workers, rather than pushing for greater reliance on Palestinians. As long as the closure remains temporary, Yishai said he will not countenance increasing the number of foreign workers.

"Integrating Palestinians into the workplace will contribute to the peace process and this is far more preferable than employing foreigners," Yishai said.

His ministry intends to seek additional work permits for Palestinians, including those allowing for overnight stays.

China: No yuan devaluation

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - China will not waver in its decision not to devalue the country's currency, Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan said yesterday.

"Following the eruption of the East Asian financial crisis, the Chinese government has taken a highly responsible attitude," he said in a speech to the UN General Assembly.

Tang said China has assisted the countries affected, both within the framework arranged by the International Monetary Fund and through bilateral channels.

"Proceeding from the overall interests of maintaining the stability and development of the region, China has made the decision not to devalue the RMB (renminbi) yuan, for which we have endured great pressure and paid a heavy price," he said. "Now, despite growing pressure and risk facing us, our decision to maintain the stability of RMB yuan will remain unchanged."

Saying China had won the battle against disastrous floods, Tang added: "We have taken a series of measures to deepen our reform and expand domestic demand so as to ensure a sustained growth of our economy and achieve the objective of an eight percent rise for this year's GDP."

He said China believed that, "the East Asian economy will be able to gradually get out of the predicament and return to the road of sound development."

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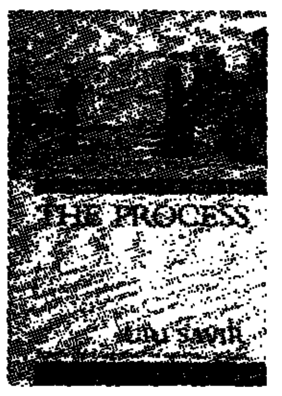
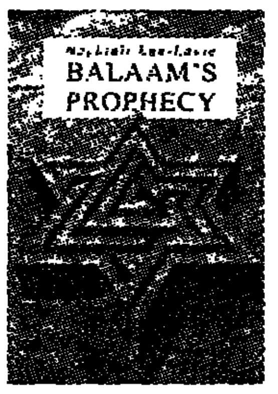

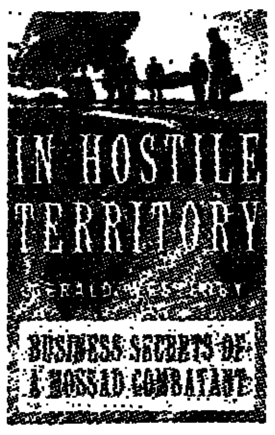
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Angel Trade Bond A	150	0
Angel Trade Bond B	115	-0.4
Angel Trade Bond C	57.5	-0.9
Apcon	959	3
Apcon warrant 1	250	0
Applicom	3130	0
Aracell Warrant 2	378	0
Arad	1500	-2
Arad Towels	1021	0
Arazim	99	-11.1
Arazim Bond 1	257	3.5
Argaman	206	0
Ariadan	1080	0
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	113	-1.8
Ashkelon Plywood	511	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	251	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	125	0
Ashlad	367	0
Ashlad Bond A	155	-0.6
Ashot	250	0
Ashot Bond A	164	0
Ashpara	80	-4.8
Ashtrom Bond 1	170.5	0.9
Ashtrom Bond 2	155	0
Ashtrom Ind	520	0
Ashtrom Prop.	218	0
Astrom P Bond 1	94.8	0
Astrom p warrant a	30	0
Astrum Bond C	100.5	0
Astrum Warrant 2	45	0
Atlon	78.5	0
Atmor	1702	-11
ATX	169	-8.1
ATX Bond A	157	0.6
Atzmon	203	0
Aura	3480	0
Avarot	355	-2.8
Avarot Bond A	162	0
Averbuch Formica	507	0
Aviv	325	-0.3
Aviv Bond 1	156.5	0.3
Aviv Bond 2	100	6
Avner	3.6	-8.3
Avrot Bond 2	95	0
Avrot Warrant 2	69	0
Ayalon	539	0
Azimuth	410	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	171.5	-2
Azorim Warrant 13	435	-2.1
Azorim Warrant 5	102	0
Azorim Warrant A	579	0
Azorim Warrant B	740	0
Badash Bond 1	28.8	0
Baltit	330	0
Balentine 1	143.5	0
Balentine Bond A	143.5	10
Balentine Warrant 2	1	0
Balron	4100	0
Bama'asal	85	0
Bama'asal Bond A	148.6	0
Bar	296	0
Bar Bond A	133.5	0
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	747	0
Barkan	581	0
Barsel	138	0
Bartal	255	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	91.3	-0.3
BaySide Warrant D	1849	-2.6
Beit Shemesh	1410	-2.8
Belmon	352	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	176	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	86	0
Ben Yakar Gat	3454	0
Berman	130.7	0
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.4
[illegible] Warrant Bond 3	243	2.5
Bilu	2220	0
Bilu Bond A	193	0
Binar	332	-0.6
Biri	225	-0.4
Bolos Bond B	80.5	-4.7
bolos gad warrant 1	40.7	-3.1
Bonei Tichon	500	0
Bonjour	480	0
Boulous Brothers	164.8	-0.7
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	284	0
Boulous GD Bond A	136	0
Brand	84	0
Brill	58.5	0
Brok Side	15	0
Brosh	130	-1.9
Building Bank	1783	0
Building Resou.	3590	0
C Holdings	550	0
C Holdings Bond 5	77.9	-1.4
Caesarea 1	5700	0
Caniel	3400	0
Capital	844	0
Capital Bond A	125	0
Caprice	320	-6.2
Cargal	710	0
Carmel	565	1.1
Carmiel	439	0
Castro	570	0
Catalena 1	397	10
CDI	150	-1.3
Cementcal Bond A	72.5	0
Cementcal	389	0
Centre	120	0
Centre Bond 1	136	0
Cham	398	0
Chayun Computers	139	0
Chemipal	380	2.6
Chem-Nir	440	-4.5
CI Systems	144	0
Cidab	143.5	0
Clal Computers	7500	-2.1
Clal Retail	51382	-5
Cohen Beni	128.2	9
Cohen Dev.	190	0
Cohen MM	133.5	-1.1
Cold Storage 1	1911	0
Cold Storage 5	8930	-1
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	261	2.3
Compl	143	0
Compl Warrant 1	20	0
Compulite	180.8	0
Comtech	335	-6.9
Comtrans	706	-1.3
Contal	949	0
Contractors	18447	0
Coral Beach	577	-1
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2410	0
Cyclone Bond 1	280	0
Cyclone Bond 2	180.1	0
Dafron	1647	0
Dafron Bond 1	252	0
Dalin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	765	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	161	0.6
Danbar 1	5790	0
Danbar 5	16850	-2
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	7750	1.9
Danbar Resources Bond B	170	0
Danbar Tech.	5350	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	157.5	0
Danel	60	7
Danel Bond A	90.2	0
Danel Personnel	2070	0
Danel Warrant 2	435	0
Dankner Bond 1	214	0
Dankner Bond 2	144	0
Dankner Bond 3	96.5	0
Dankner Warrant C	570	0
Danly	442	0.5
Darad	130	3.8
DARBAN BOND 2	103	0
Darban Bond A	250	0
DARBAN W2	30	0
Darban Warrant 3	130	0
Dares	141.5	-0.4
Darlon	310	3.2
Dash Investment	930	0
Data	516	0
Decision Systems	395	-5.8
Degem Systems	424	1.9
Delek Drillings	12.2	-7.4
Delek Oil	1575	0
Delta 1	3400	2.1
Destiny	775	-0.3
Digal	203	2.5
Dirom1	1225	0
Dolev	280	0
Dolev Bond A	141	0.7
Dolev warrant 1	34.5	-10.1
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	153.5	0
Dor Berger	378	0
Dor Chim	370	0
Dor Energy	1700	0
Dorc w1	58	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorf c1	97.5	0
Dori Engineering	440	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	138	-1.1
Dovrat Bond A	142	0
Dovrat Shrem	1305	-1.1
DSL	974	0
Dubek M	2.7	0
Dubek S	2.7	0
Duratz	275	0
DYG Industries	424	[illegible]
E & M Computing	1000	0
Edgar Albani	49.8	-0.4
Edgar Industries	198	4
Edgar Inv. Bond C	89.3	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.5	0
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Elni	135	-0.4
Eltam	300	0
Eloraan	2620	0.8
El Bad	1830	3.6
El Carit	544	0
El Carit Bond 1	160	0
Elad	570	5.1
Elad Bond A	172.3	0
Elad Bond B	150	0
Elad c3	74.8	-0.1
Elad w5	33	9.1
Elbit Computers Bond B	125	0
Eldan Tech.	210	0
Electronics Line	937	0
Elgar	5360	0
Elishav	498	0
Elitech Ind.	899	0
Elkam	300	7.3
Ella	354	0
Ella Bond A	144	0
Elran	3600	-4.4
Emek	134	-0.4
Emyle	679	-2.1
Engel Const.	747	0
ESE	1757	-5.3
Eshed Robotech	185	0
Even	379	0
Evergreen	3470	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1391	0
Excelence	1647	0
Export Inv.	799	1
Extra	94.5	0
Feldman	167	0
Feldman Bond A	151.6	0
Feldman Ind.	260	0
Feldman Warrant 3	13	0
Fertilisers 1	114.5	0
Feuchtwanger 1	8850	0
Feuchtwanger 5	46900	0
Fidelti	2160	0
Five J Jewelers	309	-3.7
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	134.5	0
Formica Source	114	0
Frutarom	364	-0.3
Gahelet	13700	-0.7
Galcom	223	0
Galran	1008	0
Gama	133.5	0
Gamatronic	618	0
Gambit	2050	-0.5
Gan ShmoelBond A	105.5	0
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	360	6.1
Gan Shmuel	1157	-0.1
Ganei Hadar	425	0
Gap Development	113.9	0
Gap Holdings	197	0
Gap Warrant 2	6.5	4 6
Gazit	600	5
Gazit Bond B	155	0
Gazit Bond C	129	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	92.9	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	630	0
Gibor Warrant 2	85	0
Gilboa	66.5	0
Gilio	189	0
Gilitek	1720	0
Givot Olam Oil	121.4	0
Glob Fil	723	0
Golan	615	0
Gold	193.5	0
Golden House	405	0
Golden House Bond 1	248	0
Golex	190.5	-0.5
Granit Bond	152.5	-1
Granit Bond 2	150	0.3
Green Software	276	0
Greenberg	1400	-2.9
H. Electronics	42.8	0
H. Mer	837	7.4
Habas	2337	-3
Habas Bond 1	130.5	-0.4
Hadar 1	28800	0
Hadar 5	62500	0
Hadar Ins. 1	774	-3.7
Hadar Ins. 5	3650	0
Hadarim Bond1.	114.6	0
Hadarim Warrant1	950	0
Hagal	385	0
Hagal Bond B	153.5	0
Hamakor	216	0
Harel	6.3	4.8
Harel Bond A	480	0
Hasin Esh	650	0
Hason	201	0
Hatehof 1	270	0
Hatehof Bond A	144.4	0
Hayal	1135	0
Hayal Bond2	145	0
Hayal Warrant 1	82.8	0
Hed Arzi Music	332	-5.4
Hiron 1	10000	0
Hiron 5	41000	0
HL Service Bond 2	181	0
HL Service Bond 3	150	0
HL Services	1532	0
Hod	133	2.3
Hof	704	0.6
Holit	139.5	0
Home Center	6670	0
Hydrofics	109.5	-0.9
IES Industries	437	0
IES Warrant 1	8.1	-145.7
Ilan Gal	118.5	0
Ilan Gal Bond A	147	0
ILDC Bond 6	282	0
ILDC Hotels	407	-0.7
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	174	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	123	0
ILDC Insurance	423	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	138.1	0
Imco	1200	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	28	0
Ind Bldgs R1	15	0
Ind.Dev Bank C	318	-0.9
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3160	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3050	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1600	2.4
Independence Mort	80200	0
Intercosma	786	-0.3
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12370	0
Invertech	680	0
Iscal	1600	0
Ispro	4150	0
Isracolor	320	0
Israel Corp. 5	146900	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	143.4	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	181.2	0.9
Isralom	917	4.7
Isralom Bond B	285	0
Isralom Bond C	87.1	-0.2
Isramco	2.4	0
Isras 1	7190	0
Isras 5	23500	0
Isras Bond A	257	0
ISTA LINES	2220	0
Itay	2690	0
Itay Bond 1	73.8	0
Itay Warrant 1	220	29.5
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	157	30.8
Jaysour Bond A	104.5	-0.5
JEC Bond B	93	0
Jerusalem Mort	190	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	162.7	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	78	0
JOEL Bond 1A	225	0
JOEL Bond 2	127.6	0.2
JOEL Bond A	223	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	0
Kadmani	136.6	0
Kadouri	398	0
kafrica bond b	90	0
kafrica warrant 1	84.5	0
Kafrit	1293	-5.4
Kalkalit Bond A	93.6	-1.3
Kalkalit warrant 2	248	6.5
Kamour	522	0
Kamour Bond G	134.2	0
Kamsepl	977	0
Kanaf Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30	0
Kanicol Bond A	38.9	0
Kardan 1	451	-10.9
Kardan 5	2250	-0.4
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3840	0
Kenitex	300	-0.3
Kesher	750	-1.3
Kesher Bond A	154	0
Ketar	685	0
Kind	16.6	0
Kind Bond A	46.4	0.4
King	254	0
Kinneret	170	-0.6
Kisch Kinar	173	0
Kishrei Teufa	1100	0
Kital	209	0
Kital Bond A	155.7	0
Kital Bond A	116.8	0
Kill Ind. 5	7000	0
Koor Bond 5	142.3	0
Kopel	247	0.6
Kopel Bond 1	247	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	120	0
Lachish	2700	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	74	0
Lasers	354	2
Laviav	609	9.9
Laznick Bldg	475	0
Laznick Comm Ctre	150.5	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	133.5	-1.8
Laznick Ind Bldgs	300	6.3
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	142	0
Lego	470	0
Leventhal	416	0
Levi	549	0
Levi Bond A	141.3	0
Levi Bond B	89	0
Levi Warrant 2	55	-10.9
Levinstein Bond A	96.9	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	698	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	323	0
Lidan	1400	-1.5
Litshir 1	166	0
Litshir 5	650	0
Ligad	339	0
Ligad Bond 1	151.5	0
Lighterage 1	584	0
LIMS	260	7.9
Lipman	2300	-4.3
Lipski	2630	3
Lipski Bond A	170.5	0
Liraz Bond A	138.1	-1
Lodan	108	-1.9
Lodzia 1	1316	0
Lodzia 4	4810	0
Luhot Galil	24.2	-9
Luhot Galil Bond 1	128.5	0
Lumir	3400	0
Ma'ariv	2750	0
Ma'ariv Bond A	133.5	0
Maabarot	1278	0.6
Macpell	433	-10.9
Macpell Bond A	141	0
Macpell Bond B	122	0
Macpell Bond C	76	[illegible]
Macpell Warrant 3	34.9	0
Mafil	610	0
Magam	109.5	0
Magam Bond A	171	0.6
Magam Bond B	132	0
Magav	148	-3
Magma	40.4	0.5
Magor 1	2070	0
Magor 5	9100	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	82.3	-1
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	552	0
Malal	285	0
Mall	78.5	-10.1
Malta	690	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	219	0
Mantur	30.8	10
Marathon	93	0
Marathon insured	99.5	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	169.4	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	148.2	0
Maritime Bank	1437	2.5
Maritime Bank Bond A	202	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	143	0
Mashav	900	0
Mashbir	620	0
Mashov	346	-0.3
Mashov	162.5	0
Matam	1428	0
Matav Warrant 1	957	0.7
Maxima 1	459	8.9
Maxima 5	1549	0
Mazpak	660	0
Med. Hotels	18.7	0
Meditechnica	642	5
Meditechnica Bond A	136.8	0
Meditechnica Bond B	84	-1.2
Meditechnica Warrant 2	114.7	37.2
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	53	3.8
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	410	1.2
Meir Ezra	1920	1.7
Meir Ezra Bond B	258	0
Melet	285	0
Melisaron Bond B	92	0
Melisaron Warrant 3	38	4.7
Mendelson	170	0
Menofim	36.4	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8100	0
Mercazit	821	-5.4
Merhav	148	-4.7
Meytavit	185	0
Middle East Tube	316	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	112	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	17	0
Milimor Bond A	137	-1.1
Milomar Bond B	84	0
Milomar Warrant 2	148	0
Mimsar	90	0
Mini Line	562	0
Minrav	12310	0
Mirage	197	-0.5
Mirage Bond A	137	0
Mirage Warrant 1	5	8
Miromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	144	0.1
Mishor Hahof	363	0
Miterani	188	0
Mivtach Shamir	1950	-1.3
Mivtach Shamir	1200	0
Mizrahi	844	0
Mizrahi warrant 1	251	-1.9
Mizrahi warrant 2	136.5	0.4
MM Engineering	112	0
MM Engineering Bond A	75	0
Modgal	670	0
Mod'in	1	0
Moffet	188	0
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	302	0
Molett	985	-0.5
More Plastic Ind.	348	0
Moshkovitz	150	0
MTI Computers	422	0
Mul-T-Lock	732	0
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	44.9	0.4
Naphtha	34.1	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	28.8	0
Natour	720	0
NATSVA BOND A	104.5	0
Navigator	341	0
Navigator Property	789	0
Nechushtan Bond B	74.5	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.7	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	139	2.9
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	161	-1.8
Nehushtan 1	600	0
Nehushtan 5	2500	0
Neot Aviv	7600	0
Nesua	489	0
Neve Arbel	169	0
Nevim Hotels	332	-0.6
Nevot	773	0
Nia	203	0
Nilav	862	0
Nisco	2600	0
Nissan	239	0
NMC	221	0
Noga	1495	6.4
Noga Insorens	100	0
Nordan	13	0
Nordan Tech.	394	3.6
Norfolk	550	0
Norfolk Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	986	-0.5
Oceana	389	0
Ocif Bond A	183	0
Ocif Bond C	89.4	-1
Ocif Warrant 2	720	0
Octova	487	-3.2
Olek	210	0
Oler Bro	5920	0
Offis	1060	0
Ogdan	61	0
Ohaliav	460	0
Oil Fields	1.2	0
Olu-Dok	254	0
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	188	0
Ophir	350	2.9
Ophir Tours	690	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	130	0
Orasya	2948	2.5
Orazit	373	0
Orazit Bond A	183	0
Orda	3430	0
Orda Bond 1	179.5	-0.3
Orev	760	0
Oriel	120	0
Orlite	285	0
Orlite Bond A	94	0
Orlite Warrant 2	32	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	125	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	107	0
Ortal	360	0
Otzar Hashilton	25700	0
Oz	200	0
Oz atide	427	0
Packer Steel	5300	0
Paltough	581	0
PAM	490	5.1
Pama	698	0
Pamas	1950	-2.6
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	52	0
Passport	2300	0
Paz Chen	395	0
PCB	1259	0
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Pareg	122	0
Periclase	735	-0.4
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	0
Pica Plast	435	0
Pilat	298	0
Pinros	120	0
Pinros Bond A	144.5	0
Pitkit	400	0
Plason bond a	100	-0.4
Plason warrant 1	260	7.3
Plasson	3700	1.1
Plasto Sac	638	-0.8
Plasto Shack Bond A	88.1	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	103	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	95.3	0.3
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2250	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	138.5	0
Point of Sale	1820	-2.4
Polak	228	0
Polgat A	300	3.3
Polgat B 4	1145	0.5
Polygon	203	0
Polygon Bond 2	221	0
Poraz	195	1.8
Port	68.5	-4.9
Poseidon	108.9	2.8
Pri Haemek	14.3	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	26.5	0
Pritzker	208	0
Pritzker Bond A	142	0
Profit	306	0
Profit Bond A	133	0
Python	461	-0.4
Quality Cap Mills	550	0
Rabintex	256	0
Ram Zur	88.9	24.6
Ramgor 1	270	0
Ramgor 4	871	-2
Rapak	2350	4.3
Rapak Bond A	157	0
Rassco	1299	7.1
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	110	0
Raved	148.5	0
RDC	1100	0
RDC Bond A	144.2	0
Red Sea Hotels	750	0
Regency	107.5	0
Regency Bond 1	122	0
Regent	430	0
Regent Bond A	141	0
Relcah	440	0
Reshet	53.5	-0.9
Reshet Bond B	106.5	-0.5
Rimoni	758	0
Rogosin	1148	0
Rogozin Bond A	80	0
Rogozin Warrant B	225	-11.1
Romtech	396	0
Rosebud	79.5	-0.6
Rosental	115	-0.4
Rotem	397	0
Rotshtein	141	0
Rotshtein Bond A	138.8	0
RSL	619	0
Sadot Mop Bond A	97.6	0.3
Sahar Bond a	93.4	0
Sahar Dev.	2600	0
Sahar Securities	617	0
Sahar Warrant 1	320	0
Sanlacol	294	0
Sano 1	2100	0
Sano 5	10800	0
Scope	1270	0
Scope Bond A	94.5	0
Scope Warrant 2	219	0
Sea Trade	600	0
Secom	263	0
Securities	899	0
Securities Bond A	179.5	0
Selen	1280	8
Serafon	398	0
Shalfed	306	-5.3
Shamir	255	-1.2
Shattyah	1199	0
Shef	300	0
Shekel	141	0
Shekel Bond A	150	0
Shekem	80	1.6
Shekem Barkan Bond 4	0	0
Shekem Bond 1	142.3	0
Shekem Warrant 1	0	0
Shaleg	95	0
Shem Tov	252	0
Shemen	11500	-0.7
Shemen Bond A	168.5	0
Shiadol	56.5	0
Shlomo Angel	5773	0
Shmi c2	85	-0.4
Shmi w2	205	0
Shmira	950	8.6
Shmira Bond A	145.3	0
Shniv	623	8 7
Shove	273	-0.7
Shtang	112	0
Shulamit	341	0
Shulamit Bond A	145	0
Sinai	410	-0.2
Sinai Bond A	143.5	0.3
Solel Bone Bond A	110	0
Soll BoneR1	434	-3.7
Solog	790	0
Solomon	410	-0.5
solomon bond a	81.9	0
solomon warrant 2	68	0
South Pipe	385	0
Spancrit	270	0
Spectronix 1	1299	2.9
STG	1169	0
STG Bond A	111	-0.9
Sunfrost	4400	0
Suny Electronics	550	0
Synopsis	207	0
Synopsis Bond A	150.4	0
Syntec	350	-1 7
Ta'al	228	0
Tachof Bond B	89	6.6
Tachof Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	240	-1.2
Tadiran Appl	535	0
Takam	1700	-1.2
Tal	170.1	0
Tal Bond A	77.5	0
TAP Bond 1	274	0
Tashloz bond a	130	0
Tashloz warrant 2	270	0
Tashluz	1157	0
Tashluz Bond A	166	0
Tashluz Bond B	126	-0.8
Tashluz Prop.	1049	0
Taste of Israel	160.5	-9.6
TAT 1	337	8
TAT 5	1294	-0 2
TAT Bond A	255	0.4
Taya	695	1.6
Taya Comm. 1	243	4.5
Team Computers	4900	-2
Technoplast	490	1.8
Technoplast Warrant 2	600	0
Tedea	1605	-0.6
Tedea Bond A	108.5	0
Tedea Warrant 1	292	0
Tefahot Preferred	195700	0
Telen	1100	0
Teldor	620	0
Telsis	1410	-1.5
Telsis Warrant 1	285	0
Tene	205	0
Teuza	199.3	0
Teuza insured	197	-1
Tibon Veal	155	-9.7
Tim Warrant 3	620	0
Tiv	397	0
TMM	117	0
Tobias	2130	-0.9
Tom	800	-9.5
Topline	560	0
Topline Bond 2	155	0
Topper	29.8	1.4
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Tosaf Compounds	345	0
Trade	385	1.3
Trade Bond A	200	0
Trend Line	1570	0
Trocadero	20	1
Trydikal	367	0
Tsabar	170	0
Tsarfati	599	3.2
Tsarfati Bond A	149	0
Tsur	169	4.5
Tsur Bond A	248	0
Tsur Bond B	117.1	-0.1
Tsur Bond C	98.5	0 3
Tsur Preferred	170	0
Tuttanauer	979	1.9
Tzmicha	495	-0.4
Tzmicha Bond A	167	0
Ulitski	38	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3367	0
Unicom 1	49.5	0
Unicom Bond 1	230	0
Unidress	1730	0
United Steel	116.9	-1.1
United Steel Industries Bond 1	158.3	0
Universol	335	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	120	0
Urope Israel	2700	0
Vardinon	23300	0
Vardinon Bond A	152.5	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	151.5	0
Videomatrix	28 7	0
Vilar	380	0
Vilar Bond 1	152.5	0
Vili Food	1550	0.7
Viliger Bond A	142.5	-0.3
Vitalgo	369	0
Vitalgo Bond A	129.2	0
Vulcan	441	-0.5
Vulcan Bond 1	234	0
Will Bond A	89	-1.2
Will Warrant 1	332	9
Woolman 1	550	0
Woolman 5	2900	0
Woolfson	65000	0
Ya'ana	591	0
Yaacobi	137.5	0
Yaad Bond A	171.5	0
Yaad Bond B	85.4	0
Yaad Industries	290	0
Yaad Warrant 3	39.1	0
Yad	387	-0.3
Yamit	186	0
Yarden	455	0
Yarden Bond 2	132.3	0
YDPZ	247	0
YDPZ Bond A	152.5	0
Yeda	1410	0
Yehuda	205	-2.9
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yheal	1683	0
Yhshal Warrant 1	315	0
Yona Bond A	159	1.3
Yona Hotels	200	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	122	0
Zakit	565	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarlat Bond B	88.7	0
Zarlat Warrant 2	67	0
Zat	113	0
Zehavi	144	0
Zeller Ablagon	416	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	147	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	123	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	64	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	3.9	0
Zika 1	737	0
Zika 5	3050	0
Zikit 1	4750	0
Zikit 5	20200	0
Zinometal	590	0
Zion Cables 1	222	-1.8
Zion Holdings	14722	0
Zion Textiles	197.5	0
Ziv	410	0
Zohar	245	0
Zoko	254	0

*In local currencies

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	34.375	0
Ampal American Israel	4.125	+0.0625
Carmel Container Sys	6.5	0
Electro Chemical Ind	0.75	0
Emultek	3	-0.0625
Etz Lavud	6.625	0
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.25	0
Integrated Technology	1.375	+0.125

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2.75	+0.03125
Accent Software	-	
A.G. Associates	2.5	-0.125
Aladdin	8	+0.625
Ampal	13	-0.5
Arel Commun & Software	3.625	0
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.25	0
Better Online Solutions	5.5	-0.1875
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.3125	+0.0625
Bio Technology General	7	-0.375
B.V.R. Technologies	11.1875	+0.125
Checkpoint Software	22.375	0
Cimatron	1.625	0
Converse Technology	44.875	+0.25
Crystal Systems Solutions	10.0625	+0.9375
D.S.P.G. Group	16.6875	+0.3125
D.S.P.T. Tech	6.625	-0.375
Data Systems Software	2.75	+0.4375
ECI Telecom	26.125	+0.6875
Edusoft	6.375	+0.5625
Electric Fuel	3.25	+0.125
Electronics for Imaging	20.125	+0.625
Elbit Computers	2.90625	+0.09375
Elron Electronics ord	14.5625	-0.3125
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	-	-
Elbit Medical Imaging	10	+0
Elbit Systems Ltd	13.3125	-0.1875
Eltek Circuit Boards	1	-0.25
Engel General Developers	4.75	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	22.5	+0.8125
Elbit Vision Systems	1.5625	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.46875	+0.09375
Formula Systems (1985)	22.75	+0.25
Forsoft Ltd	9.75	+0.25
Fundtech	11.375	+0.125
Galileo	10.5	+0.25
G.Willi-Food	4.125	0
Gilat Comm Ltd	6.375	+0.375
Gilat Satellite Networks	46.125	+4.5
Genesis Bnia	5.375	-0.25
Geotack	-	-
Healthcare Technologies	1.25	+0
Home Center	15.75	-0.625
I.C.T.S.	5.5	0
IIC Industries	9.625	+0
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.4375	0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	16	0
Indigo	2.625	+0.125
ISG Int'l Software Group	8.59375	+0.59375
Isramco	2.5625	+0.1875
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	2.625	+0.125
Logal	1	-0.125
Level 8 Systems	8	-0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	3.6875	+0.25
Madge	2.9375	+0.0625
Magal Security Systems	2.625	+0
Matav	20.375	+0.625
Medis El	5.5	+0.625
Memco	15.5	+1.375
Mer Telemanagement	1.625	+0.3125
Mercury	41.5625	+0.9375
Magic Software Enterprises	2.5	-0.3125
Netmanage	1.4375	+0
New Dimension Software	26.5	+0
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	5	+0.5
Nice Systems	30.25	+0.8125
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.28125	+0
Noga Electro Mechanical	0.9375	+0
Nur Tecnology	2.25	-0.25
Opti Systems Solutions	5.25	-0.125
Optomedics Medical Tech	2.4375	+0
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.5	+0
Orbit/FR Inc.	2.4375	-0.0625
Orbotech	33.9375	+2.4375
Orckit	14.8125	+0.125
Oshap Technologies	5.75	+0
Paradigm Geophys	6.125	+0
Pharmos	1.875	+0.125
Point of Sale	4.875	+0.25
Rada Electronics Ind	1.1875	+0.0625
Radcom Ltd	2.875	+0
RIT Technologies	5.5	+0
RSL Communications	27.875	+3.875
Scitex Corporations	13.25	+0.125
Silicom	1.6875	0
Summit Design	7.6875	+0.1875
Sapiens International	5.125	+0.375
Scanvec	2.75	+0.25
Tadiran Telecomm	14.375	+0.25
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.375	-0.125
Tat Technologies	1.5625	+0.15625
Technomatix Technologies	8.8125	-0.9375
Teva	38.125	+0.125
Top Image Systems	3.25	+0.125
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.25	0
Teledata Communications	14.3125	+0
Tower Semiconductor	6.875	+0.125
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	4.25	+0
TTR Inc	1	-0.125
TVG Technologies	0.75	+0.03125
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.25	0
TVG Tech C	0.3125	0
Vocaltec	8.625	+0.1875
Wiz Tec Solutions	10.4375	+0.3125
Zoran Corporation	7.0625	+0.0625

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	10.25	+0.375
Blue Square	13.375	-0.125
D.S.P. Communications	7.875	-0.3125
Elscint	11.625	-0.375
First Israel Fund	12.1875	+0.5
PEC Israel Economic Corp	25.875	-0.25
Koor	18.4375	+0.1875
Simula Inc	9.0625	-0.0625
Super-Sol Ltd	14.5625	-0.0625
Tadiran	29.625	+0.5
Tefron Ltd	8.5625	+0.875

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	160	+0
Dmatek Ltd	25.5	+0
Pilat	36.5	-1
S.E.A. Multimedia	6	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	42.0625	+1
AMP Inc	39	+0
AMR Corp	66.3125	+0.75
ASA	16.6875	-0.5625
Abbott Labs	45.5	+1.625
Advanced Micro	20.8125	+2.0625
Aetna Life	74.875	+0.5625
Affiliated Publ	17.25	0
Aflac	31.375	+0.3125
Ahmanson (HF)	59.6875	+3.3125
Air Prods	30.875	-0.375
Alberto-Culv B	24.1875	+0.75
Albertson's	56.5	+1.125
Alcan Aluminum	24.875	+1.3125
Allied Signal	36.5	+1.1875
Alcoa	72.125	+3.9375
Amax	-	-
Amazon	105.125	+16.9375
Amerada Hess	59.5	+3.125
Amer Brands	24.3125	+0.1875
Amer El Power	47.6875	+0.1875
Amer Express	83.4375	+2.1875
Amer Genl Corp	69.1875	+1.5
Amer Greeting	40.5625	+1.6875
Amer Home Pr	57	+1.5
Amer Int'l	83.375	+1
Amer Natl Ins	88	+0
Amer Power Conv	38.25	+0.125
Amer Stores	32	+0.375
Amer T & T	59.625	+1.1875
Amer West Hldg	14.125	-0.5
Ameritech	50	+1.5625
Ametek Inc	18.3125	+0.4375
Amgen	78	+3.5
Amoco	56.6875	-3.1875
Analog Devices	17	+1.25
Andrew Corp	13.5	+1
Anheuser-Busch	56.8125	-0.5625
Aon Corp	69.625	+1.5625
Apple Computer	38.3125	+1.3125
Applied Magnetics	4.4375	+0.125
Applied Materials	25.6875	+0.75
Archer Daniels	16.6875	+0.5625
Armco	4.5	+0.25
Armstrong World	52.5	+1.5625
Asarco	18.75	+0.25
Ascend	46.375	+0.25
Ashland Coal	18.4375	-0.0625
Ashland Oil	49.4375	+0.875
Atlantic Energy	22.6875	+0
Atlantic Richfld	71.375	+4.375
Auto Data Pro	77.8125	+1.8125
Autodesk	27.625	+2.125
Avery Dennison	52.625	+1.1875
Avnet Inc	36.875	+0.375
Avon Products	26.375	+1
Bairnco Corp	8	+0.1875
Baker Hughes	23.75	+1.375
Ball Corp	35	+1.125
Baltimore Gas	31.875	-0.0625
Banc One Corp	48.0625	+2.0625
Bandag	30.625	-0.1875
BankAmerica	65	+4.625
Bank of Boston	39.375	+3.3125
Bank of New Yk	29.75	+0.9375
Bankers Tst NY	69.0625	+6
Barnes & Noble	24.875	-0.9375
Battle Mount Gd	5.3125	+0.4375
Bausch & Lomb	42.625	+1.5625
Baxter Intl	59.4375	+0.75
Bay Network	-	-
Becton Dickinson	41.625	+0.25
Bed Bath & Bynd	22.375	+0.75
Bell Atlantic	46.6875	+0.75
Bell Industries	9.9375	+0.125
BellSouth	75.1875	+2.5
HA Belo Corp	19.5	+0.375
Beneficial Corp	-	-
Bethlehem Steel	8.1875	+0.25
Beverly Entprs	6.625	+0.3125
Biomet	35	+1.9375
Black & Decker	44.3125	-0.625
Boeing	33.75	-0.4375
Boise Cascade	26	+0.9375
Bowater Inc	38.5	+1.5
Briggs & Strtn	42.0625	+0.9375
Brstl Myrs Sqb	99.9375	-2.25
Brit Airws ADR	68.125	+0.9375
Brit Steel ADR	16.75	-0.3125
Brit Telecom	141.75	+2.5625
Brown Group	16.1875	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	8.625	-0.125
Browning Ferris	34.4375	+0.4375
Brunswick	12.875	+0.375
Burlington Nthn	30.9375	-0.3125
Burlington Res	39.5	+2.75
CBS Inc	27	+0.25
CKS Group	15.5625	-0.25
CMS Energy Corp	42	-0.375
CSX Corporation	42.5	+0.3125
Cabot Corp	25	+0.625
Campbell Soup	53.125	+1.5
Canadian Pac	23.5	+1.3125
Capital Cts ABC	102.438	+0.6875
Capstead	3.375	+0.1875
Carematrix Corp	23.5	+0.0625
Carnival Corp	30.5	-0.8125
Carolina Pwr Lt	46.5	+0.75
Carpenter Tech	34	+1.0625
Caterpillar	45.3125	+3.1875
Centex Corp	36	+1.125
Central & SW	28.25	-0.125
Ceridian	60.375	+0.1875
Champion Intl	32.3125	+0.75
Chmg Shoppes	4.65625	-0.0625
Chase Manhattan	50.125	+4
Chevron Corp	84.6875	+3.625
Chiquita Brands	10.375	-0.0625
Cholestec	4.75	-0.125
Chrysler	51.75	+2.125
Chubb Corp	70.75	+3.6875
Cisco	66.25	+3.375
Citicorp	106	+10.875
Clevel Cliffs	40.625	+0.4375
Clorox	84.5625	+2.5
Coastal Corp	32.1875	+1.25
Coca Cola	58	+1.625
Coca Cola Ent	27.625	+1.4375
Colgate Palmolv	70.9375	+3.9375
Comcast Corp A	47.0625	+1.3125
Compaq	32.6875	+0.8125
Compute Ass Int	32.8125	+1.1875
Computer Sci	71.75	-1.375
Conagra	28.1875	+0.4375
Cons Edison	50	+0.625
Cons Freightwys	32.625	-0.125
Cons Nat Gas	52.4375	+1.0625
Cooper Inds	41.875	-1.1875
Coors (Adolph)	52.875	-1.1875
Corning Inc	29.5625	+2.4375
Crane	26	+0
Crompton Knowles	15.625	-0.25
Crown Cork Seal	31.125	-0.1875
Cummins Engine	31.4375	-0.25
Curtiss-Wright	42.4375	+0
Cypress Semicon	8.875	+0.25
Cypress Mineral	13.1875	+0.1875
Cytec Indust	18.875	+0
DQE	38.625	-0.625
Dallas Semi	29.4375	-0.5
Dana Corp	35.75	-1.125
Data General	11.5625	+0.0625
Dayton Hudson	39.25	-0.5625
De Beers	14.5625	+0.125
Deere	31.625	+1.3125
Dell Computers	64.375	+4.3125
Delta Air Lines	106.75	+2.8125
Deluxe Corp	31.625	-0.375
Detroit Edison	43.875	+0.625
Dial Corp Del	22	+0.875
Diebold Inc	21.9375	-0.375
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	32.25	-0.25
Disney (Walt)	28.8125	+1.625
Dominion Res	44.4375	+0.3125
Donelley (RR)	36.8125	-0.5
Dover Corp	28.875	+0.3125
Dow Chemicals	85	+1.3125
Dow Jones	50.4375	+2.3125
Dresser	31.0625	+1.1875
DSC Comm	-	-
Duke Power	64.6875	+0.6875
Dun & Bradst	26.4375	+0
Du Pont	56.6875	+1.125
E G & G Corp	23.1875	+0.5625
Eastern Ents	43.5	+1.25
Eastman Kodak	84.0625	+0.625
Eaton Corp	65.625	+2.4375
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	8.5625	+0.3125
Emerson Elec	61.125	+1.125
Engelhard Corp	18.875	+0
Enron Corp	53.75	+3.0625
Entergy Corp	30.0625	-0.375
Enzo Biochem	7.375	-0.25
Equifax Inc	37.4375	+1.75
Ericsson	20.5625	+1.5
Ethyl Corp	4.0625	+0.0625
Exide Corp	10.875	+0.25
Exxon	70.3125	+3.25
FMC Corp	52.75	+0.8125
FPL Group	69.4375	+0.375
Fedders Corp	5.0625	-0.1875
Federal Express	50	+3
Federal Mogul	49.8125	+0.0625
Fed Nat Mtge	65.75	+2.125
First Chicago	77.25	+3.125
First Union	57.4375	+2.8125
Fruit of the Loom	14.375	-0.4375
Fst Union Rlty	5.1875	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	79.8125	+3.5
Fleetwd Enterp	32	-0.4375
Fleming Cos Ok	12.8125	+0.3125
Florida Prog	42.375	+0.0625
Fluor Corp	42.9375	-0.375
Food Lion Inc	10.4375	+0.0625
Ford Motor	48.5625	+2.75
Fortune Brands	31.5	+1.8125
Foster Wheeler	13.625	+0.4375
Furniture Brands	26.125	+0.75
Galoob Toys	7.4375	+0.4375
Gateway 2000	58.0625	+3.5
GATX Corp	34.3125	+0.375
GTE Corp	53.9375	+1.875
Gannett	58.75	+2.125
Gap Inc Del	57.8125	-1.0625
Gencorp	18.875	+0.25
Gen Am Invest	29	+0.5
Gen Dynamics	53.5625	+1.4375
Gen Electric	84	+4.125
Gen Mills	70.3125	+1.375
Gen Motors	58.75	+1.75
Gen Motors H	39.8125	+0.1875
Gen Public Utl	41.875	+0.75
Gen Reinsurnce	210.5	+6.5
Gen Signal	35.625	+0
Gen DataComm	3.25	+0
Genuine Parts	31.8125	+0
Georgia Pac	43.4375	+1.0625
Germany Fund	15.3125	+0.75
Gillette	40	+2.5
Glaxo ADR	62	+1.1875
Golden W Finl	85.1875	+3.625
Goodrich (BF)	31.75	+0.5
Goodyear Tire	54.5	+0.8125
Grace (W&R)	12.25	-0.75
Grainger (WW)	44	+0.4375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27.625	+1.1875
Grt Central Mine	2.0625	+0
Gulf Canada Res	4	+0.0625
Halliburton	31.25	+0.75
Hanna (MA)	10.75	-0.1875
Harcourt	51	+0.9375
Harley Davidson	32.4375	+0.375
Harnischfeger	11.8125	+0.4375
Harrah's Ent	15	+0.4375
Harris Corp	37.0625	+1.0625
Harsco Corp	24.3125	-12.8375
Hartmax	6.8125	+0.0625
Hasbro	30.5	-0.1875
HBO & Co	30.5	+0.625
Health Care Ppt	33.5	+1.125
Hecla Mining	4.3125	+0.375
Heinz (HJ)	54.125	+0.5625
Helix Technol	10	+0.0625
Hmrch & Payne	22.375	+2.0625
Hercules	27.4375	-0.0625
Hershey Foods	68.625	+2.5625
Hewlett Packard	53.5	+2.8125
Hilton Hotels	17.5	+0
Hirsch Int	2.875	-0.0625
Hollinger	14.3125	-0.0625
Home Depot	44.5625	+2.5
Homestake	11.1875	+0.4375
Honeywell	67.625	+0.75
Hormel (Geo)	27.25	+0.0625
Household Intl	42.25	+0.8125
Houston Inds	30.1875	+0.6875
Humana	17.625	-0.0625
IBM	131.75	+4
Illinova Corp	27.6875	+0.125
Illinois Tool	57.4375	+3.6
INCO	11.3125	+0.625
Ind Comm Bank	13.5	+0.28125
Ingersoll Rand	41.25	+2.375
Inland Steel	20	+0.625
Intel Corp	87.0625	+3.5
Intergraph	6.0625	+0
Interlake	2.8125	-0.25
Intl Flav & Fr	34.75	+1.25
Intl Multifoods	17.3125	-0.1875
Intl Paper	45.25	+0.875
Interpublic	58.5	+2.0625
Jefferson Pilt	62.8125	+1
Johnson & J	79.4375	+1.1875
K Mart	13.5	+0.125
Kaiser Alum	6	+0.1875
Kellogg	34	+0.0625
KLA Instruments	25.9375	+1.8125
Kennametal	26.8125	+0.375
Kerr-McGee	47.125	+1.875
KeyCorp	32.5	+1.1875
Kimberly-Clark	40.9375	+1.8125
King World Prod	29.1875	+1.6875
Knight Ridder	46	-0.5625
Kroger	51	+3.125
LSI Logic	13.875	+0.375
Legget & Platt	22.9375	+1.3125
Leucadia Natl	30.625	+0.125
Lilly (Eli)	80.875	+1
Limited Inc	25.5625	+0.75
Linear Technol	53.1875	+1.9375
Lincoln Nat	92.25	+1.625
Litton	57.75	+2.75
Liz Claiborne	28.0625	-0.625
Lockheed Corp	99.75	+4.0625
Loews Corp	86.5	+1.5
Lone Star	56.5	+3.5625
Longs Drug Strs	40.3125	+0.5625
Loral Corp	15	+1
Louisiana Pacif	21.125	+1
Lowe's Co Inc	38.125	+0.625
Lucent Tech	77.75	+3.625
Lubrizol	27	+0.9375
Madge	2.9375	+0.0625
Mallinckrodt	22	+0
Manor Care	31.8125	+1.5625
Mapco Inc	-	-
MarketSpan Corp	26.75	-0.0625
Marriott	26.875	+1.0625
Mrsh & McLn	55.25	+2.875
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	25.625	+0.5
Massmutual Corp	22.875	+0.0625
Mattel Inc	28.75	-2.4375
May Dept St	57.875	-0.125
Maytag Corp	50.375	+0.1875
McDermott	27.125	+2.5625
McDonalds	56.5	+0
McGraw Hill	82.0625	-0.125
McKesson Corp	93.25	+3
Mead Corp	29.875	+0.6875
Medtronic	58.5	+0.8125
Mellon Bk	60.6875	+1.875
Mentor Graphics	7.125	+0.125
Merck Inc	136.438	+1.8125
Meredith Corp	33.1875	+1.9375
Merrill Lynch	57.875	+4.1875
Micron Technol	31.875	+2.1875
Microsoft Corp	113.625	+4.4375
Millipore	20.75	+1.9375
Mine Safety App	85.6875	+5.6875
Minnesota Mine	73.125	+2.125
Mitchell Energy	13.875	+0.125
Mobil Corp	79.25	+4.3125
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	27.375	+1
Monarch Macht	7.3125	+0
Monsanto	62	+2
Morgan (JP)	92.8125	+4.75
Morton Intl	22.9375	+0.1875
Motorola Inc	48.125	+0.5625
Murphy Oil	40.375	+2.25
Nacco Inds	103.188	+3.75
Nalco Chemical	30.75	+0.5
Nashua Corp	14.875	+0.125
NationsBank	58.5	+4.5
Natl City Corp	72.625	+3.375
Natl Semi	9.875	-0.125
Natl Serv Ind	36.25	+1.1875
NatWest Bank	88	+2
Navistar Intl	26.75	+0.75
Netscape	24.5	+1.875
New England El	41.625	+0.6875
News Corp	25.875	+1.0625
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	27.625	+0.4375
Newmont Mining	20.625	+1.375
Niag Mohawk	15.875	-0.0625
Nicor Inc	41.9375	+1.1875
Nike Inc	38.75	+0.1875
NL Industries	20.8125	+0.125
Noble Affil	33.75	+2.3125
Nokia	83.375	+9
Nordstrom	26.625	-1
Norfolk Southrn	30.6875	+0.0625
Northeast Util	15.875	+0
Northern Telecom	41.4375	+2.1875
Novell	12.625	+0
Nthn State Pwr	28.6875	+0.5625
Northrop	67.25	+3.875
Norwest Corp	36.625	+1.125
NSI	0.28125	+0
Occidental Pet	22.25	+0.5625
Ogden Corp	27.4375	+0.4375
OEA	10	+0.375
Ohio Casualty	40.0625	+0.0625
Olin Corp	29.75	+0.8125
Omnicom Group	50.5625	+1.125
Oneok Inc	37	+1.3125
Oracle Systems	28.625	+0
Oryx Energy Co	15.0625	+1.375
Oshkosh B'gosh	20.75	-0.125
Overseas Ship	17.4375	-0.125
Owens Corning	37.1875	+1.5
PNC Financial	51.0625	+2.625
PPG Industries	53.0625	+1.0625
Paccar Inc	47.3438	+1.96875
Pacificorp	19.1875	+0.3125
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	32.8125	-0.125
Pall Corp	22.5	-0.0625
Parker Drilling	5.6875	+0.5
Parker Hannifin	29.9375	+1.4375
Payless Shoe	44.4375	+1.375
Penney(JC)	48.75	+0.875
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	25.125	-0.0625
Pennzoil	37.125	+1.0625
People's Energy	37.8125	+0.75
Pepsico	30.625	-0.75
Perkin Elmer	70	+0.1875
Pfizer	106.313	+4.875
Pharmacia & Upj	51.25	+3.125
Phelps Dodge	52.1875	+2.5
Philadel Elec	34.25	+0.125
Philip Morris	47.3125	-0.625
Philips Elec	53.625	+5.5625
Philips Pet	48.5625	+2.4375
Phycor Inc	5.15625	-2.15625
Pioneer Hi Bred	32.375	+0.4375
Pitney Bowes	56	+0.4375
Policy Mgt Sys	43.625	+1.625
Polycom	11.5	+1
Potash Corp	53.75	+3.0625
Potomac El Pwr	25.4375	+0.125
Procter & Gamble	74.9375	+3.5
Promus Hotel Cor	29.5	+2
Pub Svc Enterpr	38.875	+0.5
Pug Snd Pwr	26.9375	+0.375
Quaker Oats	62	+1.625
Qualcom	51.3125	+0.875
Quanex Corp	19.3125	-0.8125
RJR Nabisco	27.1875	+0.75
Ralston Purina	30.8125	+1.625
Rank Orgnsn ADR	8.75	+0.375
Raychem Corp	27	+1.1875
Raytheon A	49.625	+5.875
Raytheon B	51.1875	+5.75
Reebok Intl	14.25	+0.5
Republic NY	44.6875	+2.0625
Reynolds Reyn A	15.0625	+0.4375
Reynolds Metals	52.5	+2.8125
Rite Aid Corp	37	+0.0625
Rockwell Intl	40	+1.5
Rohm & Haas	28.625	-0.0625
Rouse	27.375	+0.1875
Rowan	12.375	+0.875
Royal Dutch	50.9375	+3.8125
Rubbermaid	24.9375	+1.0625
Ruddick	16.6875	-0.0625
Russell Corp	28.5	-0.5625
Ryder System	24.875	+0.125
SPS Technology	45.875	+3.1875
Safeco Corp	43.625	+1.4375
Safety-Kleen	3.3125	+0
St Paul's Cos	34.125	+1.1875
Sara Lee Corp	54.875	-0.0625
Schering Plough	104.625	+3
Schlumberger	52.875	+3.5
Scientif Atlanta	21.5	+1.25
Scripps	44.5	+0.625
Seagate Tech	24.6875	+1.0625
Seagram	32.9375	+1.375
Sears Roebuck	45	-0.875
Sempra Energy	26.6875	+0.625
Sensormatic Elec	8	+0
Sequent Computer	9.25	+0.25
Service Corp I	40.25	+1.1875
Service Master	21.625	+0.3125
Shell Trans	38.625	+3.1875
Sherwin Wllms	20.75	+0
Shoney's Inc	2.0625	+0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	30.25	+0.5
Silicon Graphics	10	-0.0625
Skyline Corp	27.75	+0.0625
Smith Intl	27.4375	+3.0625
SmKline Bchm A	58.125	+0.6875
Snap-On-Tools	31.8125	+0.875
Sonat	33.125	+2.25
Sonocco Prods	24.75	+0.1875
Sony Corp ADR	70.75	+2.25
Southdown	47.8125	+2.375
Southern Co	28.9375	+0.4375
Sth N. Eng Tel	74	+2.75
Southw Airlines	22.625	+1.0625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	42.5	+1.5625
Spring Inds	35.5	+1.625
Sprint Corp	79.25	+5.3125
Standard Prods	20.75	-1.25
Stanley Works	27.875	-4.375
Stone Container	8.25	+0.5625
Storage Technol	27	+0.5
Stratus Comp	35.3125	+0.3125
Sun America	23.125	+0.0625
Sunbeam Corp	7.125	+0.125
Sun Company	36.25	+1.375
Sundstrand	46.0625	+3.4375
Sun Microsystms	50.8125	+2
Sunshine Mining	0.75	-0.0625
Suntrust	64.375	+3.875
Supervalu	23.125	+0.3125
Symantec	13.4375	-0.5
Sysco Corp	24	+0.4375
TJX Cos Inc	17.6875	-0.5
TRW Inc	45.625	+1.625
Tab Products	11.125	-0.125
Tandy Corp	57.0625	+0.375
Telecom Corp	39.9375	+0.375
Telefonas de Mex	48.25	+4.625
Telef De Espana	118.125	+12.5
Temple Inland	47.5	+1.125
Tenneco	33.1875	+0.25
Tenet Health	30	+1.5625
Teradyne	19.875	+1.125

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Tesoro Pet	12.9375	+0.75
Texaco	63.25	+2.75
Texas Instrmnts	56.75	+3
Texas Utilities	44.9375	+0.875
Textron	61.3125	+3.8125
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	38.5625	+1.625
ThreeCom	31.5625	-0.8125
Time Warner	95	+2.75
Times-Mirror	54.8125	+0.75
Timken	16.375	+0
Torchmark	38.125	+0.6875
Tosco Corp	22.4375	+0.625
Toys R Us	17.8125	-0.125
Transamerica	114.688	+6.6875
Transco Energy	63.875	+2.875
Travelers Grp	43	+3.625
Tribune	51.25	-0.75
Triton Energy	11.125	+0.625
TWA	6.0625	-0.1875
Tyco Intl Ltd	54.6875	+0.6875
Tyler	7.75	-0.125
UAL Corp	69.8125	-0.4375
USG Corp	46.875	+0.625
UST Inc	31	+0.1875
USX Marathon	34.3125	+2.5625
USX-US Steel	22.9375	+0.75
Ultramar Diam	27.3125	+0.375
Unicom Corp	37.4375	+0.3125
Unilever PLC	36.75	+2.75
Unilever NV	66.9375	+5.9375
Union Camp	39.1875	+1.5625
Union Carbide	42.3125	+1.8125
Union Pacific	46.375	+0.5625
Unisys Corp	25.8125	+1
USAIR Group	59.875	+1.3125
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	31.5625	+1.5
US Surgical	41.125	+0.875
US Trust	65.875	+1
US West	53.25	+0.3125
United Tech	80.125	+4.25
Unocal Corp	37.75	+2.0625
VF Corp	39.3125	-0.6875
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.25	+0.03125
Valero Energy	21.875	+1.9375
Varian Assoc	38.9375	+0.3125
Viacom Inc	65.25	+0.5625
Vishay	12.875	+0.1875
Vulcan Materials	104.688	+2
Wachovia	89.0625	+2.1875
Walgreen	48.25	+2
Wal-Mart Stores	64.5625	+2.1875
Warner-Lambert	78.8125	+3.3125
Wash Gas Light	27.75	+0.875
Washington Mutu	35.5625	+2.0625
Washington Post	516.375	+7.5
Waste Mgmnt Inc	50.25	+2.4375
Watkins-Johnson	18.6875	+0.6875
Weis Markets	34.375	+0.125
Wells Fargo	360.75	+13.5
Wendy's Intl	22.1875	+0.6875
Westvaco	23.875	+0.3125
Weyerhaeuser	41.9375	+0.875
Whirlpool	48.4375	+2.125
Whitman	15.875	-0.1875
Williams Co	29.125	+1.75
Winn Dixie Stos	39.9375	+0.9375
Woolworth	10.125	+0.125
World Comm	50.75	+2.5
Worthington Ind	12	+0.15625
Wrigley	78	+4.1875
Xerox	82.625	+3.625
Yahoo	117.875	+14.9375
Yellow Freight	13.5625	+0
Zero Co	-	-

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Allied Domecq	427	+15.75
BAT Inds	472	+9
BT	839.5	+11.5
BTR	111.5	+2
Barclays	1100	+11
Bass	678	-8.5
Boots	960	+31
British Airways	396	+2.5
Comm Union plc	636	+65
Diageo	518	-6.5
General Electric	427	-3.5
Glaxo	1803	+20
Halifax	759.5	+34.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1135	+65
ICI	487	+15.5
Land Securities	915	+19.5
Lloyds Bank	710	+9
Marks & Spencer	444	+2.5
NatWest Bank	875	+11
Prudential	877	+40
Reuters	542	+6
Sainsbury	553	-4.5
Shell Transport	371	+24.5
Tyco Intl	3050	+0
Unilever	518	+22
Zeneca	2226	-53

PARIS

Accor	1207	+32
Air Liquide	900	+48
Alcatel Alsthom	570	+56
Euro Disney	9	+0.45
Moulinex	93.3	-4.7
Paribas	384.2	+4.2
Pernod Ricard	420	+33
Peugeot	968	+45
Saint Gobain	767	+2

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	65.9	+2.45
Daimler-Benz	148.5	+3.8
Lufthansa	34.8	+1.65
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	25.9	-0.4
Volkswagen	115.5	+3.8

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 23-SEP-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.1678	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.844	0
British Pound (1)	6.4483	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.2695	0
French Franc (1)	0.6769	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.81	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.7381	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.5102	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.2961	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.4008	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8154.41	+257.21
DJ Transport	2904.1	+38.81
DJ Utils	302.98	+6.02
DJ Comp	2617.61	+65.76
NYSE Industr	652.22	+19.43
NYSE Transport	428.26	+2.61
NYSE Comp	526.95	+16.35
S&P 100	515.45	+17.79
S&P Spot Index	1066.09	+36.46
Israel Index	214.42	+2.5

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5214.7	+111.4
Tokyo Nikkei	13789.8	0
Singapore all-share index	277.34	+0.65
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	7504.3	+130.8
Israel Index	214.42	+2.5
Paris CAC 40	3423.78	+75.8
DAX	4575.15	+141.28
Madrid	674.68	+22.71
Swiss Market Index	6324.5	+213.4
Sydney	2573.6	+39.2
Milan	1191.73	+34.89

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6847	+0.0048
Dec.future (CME)	1.6794	+0.0012
D-mark: spot	1.6795	-0.0051
Dec.future (CME)	0.5986	+0.0018
S-franc: spot	1.3892	-0.0008
Dec.future (CME)	0.7269	+0.0007
Yen: spot	135.83	+0.39
Dec.future (CME)	0.007459	-1.5e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5169	-0.0123
Dec.future (CME)	0.6591	0
AusDlr: spot	0.5801	-0.0006
Dec.future (CME)	0.5804	-0.0023
F-franc: spot	5.629	-0.0115
It Lira: spot	1659	-4
Nlg. spot	1.8928	-0.0057
AutShig: spot	11.8652	+0.016
Rand. spot	5.955	-0.01
ECU: spot	1.1702	+0.0023

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	-	-
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	104.5	0
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	-	-
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	-	-
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	7.1	-0.09
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	-	-
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	15.95	+0.01
Bonds Dec.future	129.16	+0.11
S and P Dec.future	1078	+38.5

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	991	0
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1675	-5
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1466	-1

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.05	+0.15

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	292.5	+2
Silver (Dec)	5.043	+0.153
Platinum (Oct)	355.5	+2.2
Palladium (Sep)	286	+2.25
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.755	+0.0155

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	288	-0.5
Gold PM fix	288.9	-4.05
Silver fix	488	-1.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 23-SEP-98)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (25.9.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	4.1358	4.2026	—	—	4.1678
U.S. dollar	3.8118	3.8733	3.74	3.93	3.8440
German mark	2.2558	2.2922	2.21	2.33	2.2706
Pound sterling	6.4044	6.5077	6.29	6.60	6.4483
French franc	0.6729	0.6838	0.66	0.70	0.6769
Japanese yen (100)	2.7871	2.8321	2.73	2.88	2.8104
Dutch florin	2.0008	2.0331	1.96	2.07	2.0123
Swiss franc	2.7230	2.7670	2.67	2.81	2.7381
Swedish krona	0.4816	0.4894	0.47	0.50	0.4850
Norwegian krone	0.5059	0.5141	0.49	0.53	0.5094
Danish krone	0.5928	0.6024	0.58	0.62	0.5963
Finnish mark	0.7408	0.7528	0.72	0.77	0.7453
Canadian dollar	2.4903	2.5305	2.44	2.57	2.5102
Australian dollar	2.1985	2.2320	2.15	2.27	2.2166
S. African rand	0.6483	0.6588	0.58	0.66	0.6496
Belgian franc (10)	1.0935	1.1112	1.07	1.13	1.0999
Austrian schilling (10)	3.2062	3.2580	3.15	3.31	3.2247
Italian lira (1000)	2.2825	2.3194	2.24	2.36	2.2961
Jordanian dinar	5.3574	5.4439	5.26	5.65	5.4008
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.08	1.17	1.1628
ECU	4.4318	4.5033	—	—	4.4581
Irish punt	5.6426	5.7337	5.54	5.82	5.6814
Spanish peseta (100)	2.6554	2.6983	2.60	2.74	2.6718

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Dow Jones surges 3.3%

Wall Street

Stocks shot higher yesterday, adding 257 points to the Dow, as US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave the clearest signal yet that he'll fight the global economic crisis with lower interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged to 8,154 by the close, its highest finish in a month, with more than half of the 257-point gain coming during the final hour of trading.

The 3.3-percent gain left the Dow more than 200 points above this year's starting point of 7,908.25, but still about 1,200 below the July 17 record of 9,337.97.

Broader stock indicators also posted big gains as Greenspan told a Senate panel that Fed officials understood the need to act quickly to contain the widening global crisis, fueling hopes for an interest rate cut at next week's Fed policy meeting.

Greenspan, who last week dashed hopes for a multinational rate cut in his remarks to a House panel, answered a question by saying no decision has been made yet because policy makers have not yet met.

But he stressed that his colleagues at the Fed were aware of the seriousness of the crisis, which began 14 months ago in Asia, has now spread to Russia and is threatening to strike Latin America next."I think we know where we have to go," Greenspan said. "We don't underestimate the problem."

Tel Aviv

Stocks rose as the government completed a public offering of a stake in Bank Leumi amid speculation that investors paid more than the asking price.

Bank Leumi gained 0.34 percent to NIS 5.86. That helped the Maof Index of the 25 largest companies to gain 0.68% to 295.96, with 12 shares gaining, 11 dropping, and two unchanged.

The government, which set a minimum share price of NIS 5.80 for the sale, expects to raise a total of NIS 1.1 billion from the sale of 15% of the bank. A pre-offering presentation to foreign institutional investors won commitments for $80 million worth of shares.

"Everyone is sure [the offering] will close above the minimum," at around NIS 6.30, said Merav Alazraki, an assistant investment manager at Meitav Ltd.

The offering will leave the state with a 44% stake in the bank.

"In these days of global crises, almost no one can raise money," said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities Ltd. "The fact that we are able to raise money here in this stock exchange is a sign of strength for the Israeli stock market."

Bank Leumi was the most active issue, with NIS 63.4 million in transactions.

Israel Discount Bank advanced 0.8 percent to 3.73. The government is in the process of selling a 30%-53% controlling stake in the bank.

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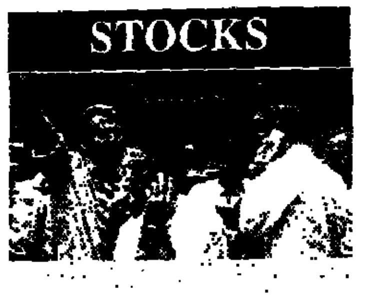

Maof 295.96 ▲ 0.68%
Dow Jones 8154 ▲ 3.26%
FTSE 8154 ▲ 3.26%
Nikkei 13789.81 ▲ 1.42%

The gains didn't extend to other large banks. Bank Hapoalim dropped 0.31% to NIS 9.55.

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies added 0.39 percent to 289.10.

Across the exchange, NIS 246.4 million of shares were traded, 16.7% more than the month's average.

Asia

Japanese stocks rebounded from a 12-year low on expectations Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi will be pressured to promise more measures to lift the economy in his meeting with US President Bill Clinton.

Honda Motor Co. and drugmakers Sankyo and Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical led the rally, spurred by a late-afternoon surge in benchmark index futures.

"Optimists are few and far between, but a lot of people had built up positions against the market they had to cover," said Masayoshi Sato, an assistant manager at Toyo Securities Co.'s derivative dealing department. "You never know what could happen."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 192.51 points, or 1.42%, to 13,789.81. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 2.38 points, or 0.23%, to 1050.17.

Sankyo rose 100 yen to 3,200 and Yamanouchi gained 60 yen to 3,000 as investors generally favored beaten-down shares in industries seen as relatively immune to recession.

East Japan Railway Co., which climbed 13,000 yen to 732,000, was one of only nine stocks on Japanese exchanges to record a 52-week high – versus 221 lows.

"Most of the buying we're seeing in the cash market is in defensive shares like pharmaceuticals and railroads – it's investment by default," said Tsuguya Onozuka, a supervisor at Yamatane Securities Co.'s trading department.

Honda rose 140 yen to 4,140 on expectations recent price falls weren't justified by profit prospects. The automaker's shares plunged more than 7% on Tuesday on concerns a US slowdown may stunt earnings growth.

Nikkei 225 futures for December delivery rose 310 points in Osaka to 13,780; those traded in Singapore gained 225 points to 13,770.

Today the market will be closed for the autumnal equinox national holiday.

Europe

UK stocks rose for a second day yesterday, led by oil stocks, after oil ministers said they are willing to cut production further to boost oil prices.

The benchmark FT-SE 100 Index rose 111.4 points, or 2.18%, to 5214.7. That still leaves the index just breaking even this year, after stocks plunged worldwide in recent weeks on concern slowing economies will crimp demand.

"We're at the beginning of a bottoming-out process," said Alan Harris, the chief executive of Burrough Johnstone Asset Management. Harris said he'd buy oil stocks because they "aren't going to go bust – we've seen the oil price fall and a lot of that is in the price."

Shell Transport & Trading Co. rose 24p to 371, while British Petroleum gained 29p to 879. Together, they added 21.6 points to the benchmark index's gains.

Oil ministers from the Persian Gulf and Algeria announced yesterday "all possible options" are on the table to improve oil prices, "including further reductions in oil production."

British Telecommunications rose 11p to 839.5, Cable & Wireless gained 38p to 558, and Vodafone added 17.5p to 747.

(AP, Bloomberg)

Yen dampens as Japan reform hopes dim

The dollar extended gains against the yen, rising for a fourth day to its strongest in nine days, as a holdup in Japanese bank reform legislation fueled concern the nation's recession may worsen.

"Japan is an economic and financial mess," said David Brown, the chief economist at Bear Stearns International, who sees the dollar rising to 160 yen in the coming months. "The growing cost of the bank bailout, political tension and economic gloom are millstones around the yen's neck."

The dollar rose as high as 136.93 yen, and was up more than 1 yen at 136.63 from late Tuesday in London. It also rose against the mark, to 1.6885 marks from 1.6833 Tuesday, on evidence German inflation is slow so the Bundesbank is unlikely to raise rates soon.

The dollar has advanced 3 percent against the yen this week, as Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and opposition parties wrangled over the content of a compromise plan they reached Friday to bail out the country's banks.

"We are negative on the yen, so we see the dollar appreciating against it," said Stuart Kinnersley, who helps oversee more than $1.5 billion in fixed-income assets at Nikko Global Asset Management.

Still, he said, "against the mark, the dollar is vulnerable." The Japanese banking industry's burden of as much as $1 trillion in problem loans helped push the country into its worst recession in five decades. Until the banks are healthy enough to make new loans, the economy isn't likely to improve, analysts said.

"Until there's some hope of a financial package passing, there isn't any hope of the economy turning around," said Steven Mansell, a senior strategist at BNP Capital Markets.

"Prospects for a recovery have been pushed back well into next year. That's going to drag the yen lower," to 140 per dollar by year-end, he said.

US President Bill Clinton Tuesday urged Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi to press ahead with reforms to help revive Japan's economic growth.

"We have our concerns about the reform of the Japanese banking system," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said after Clinton and Obuchi met for an hour. "We noted the strong concern we had about that."

Obuchi told Clinton Japan is taking "all appropriate measures" to stimulate an economic recovery and stabilize the banking system, though investors weren't reassured.

"There was no hint [from Obuchi] of any progress yet on reform of the Japanese banking system, and so the dollar remains firm versus the yen," said Padhraic Garvey, a senior market strategist at ABN Amro Bank.

The mark fell against the dollar after consumer price reports reaffirmed German interest rates don't need to rise. In Bavaria, one of Western Germany's four largest states, prices fell 0.3% in the month to mid-September, after falling 0.1% in August. Another state, Hesse, reported consumer prices also fell 0.3%.

Another report showed German producer prices fell a larger-than-expected 0.2% in August from July, down for the third-straight month. Analysts polled by Bloomberg News expected prices to fall 0.1% in the month, after falling 0.2% in July.

"On domestic grounds, the Bundesbank could cut rates," said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International. "But EMU factors point to rates staying unchanged." (Bloomberg)

CURRENCIES

Dollar 3.844 ▲ 0.05%
Basket 4.1678 ▼ 0.16%
Mark 2.2645 ▼ 0.05%
Sterling 6.4483 ▼ 0.2%

Oil at 2-month high on low inventories

Energy

Crude oil for November delivery rose as much as 24 cents, or 1.7 percent, to $14.73 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange, its highest since June 24, after a weekly industry report showed a greater-than-expected drop in US inventories.

US crude oil inventories declined by 9.087 million barrels to 316.8 million barrels in the week ended September 18 – the biggest decline since July 1997 – the American Petroleum Institute said in its latest weekly report, released after the close of trading last night.

Inventories are now at their lowest level since January 9 and the drop was more than double the biggest decline predicted by eight analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News.

The fall reflected disruptions to production in and imports from the Gulf of Mexico due to bad weather.

Precious metals

Gold for immediate delivery fell as much as $2.45, or 0.9%, to $287.40 an ounce, its lowest price in almost two weeks. The stronger dollar versus the yen, as the Japanese currency weakened amid delays in bank reform legislation, makes gold more expensive for consumers in Japan, the world's seventh-largest buyer of the precious metal.

Zinc for delivery in three months rose as much as $13, or 1.3%, to $1,005 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange. Pasminco Ltd., the world's largest zinc miner, said today production will be halted for 14 days at its Port Pirie smelter in Australia until September 25 following the collapse of an acid tank at the complex. The halt will mean the loss of about 2,000 tons of refined zinc.

COMMODITIES

Gold $288.95 ▲ 1.1%
Crude Oil $14.53 ▲ 0.4%
CRB 202.21 ▼ 0.57%

Others

Cocoa for December delivery rose as much as 14 pounds, or 1.4%, to 1,030 pounds on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, its highest level in a week, amid concern global supplies will be reduced by weather damage to crops in the Ivory Coast, the world's biggest grower. While cocoa-growing areas of the country have received showers this week, more is needed to make up for rainfall levels 30% to 40% below normal last month and half the July norm, meteorologists said.

Concern for a smaller Ivorian crop outweighed expectations for a drop in Russian cocoa consumption. July rainfall in the cocoa growing region of the Ivory Coast was 25% below the 10-year average and rainfall levels between Jan. 1 and July 31 were the lowest in 25 years, analysts said. Growers in the Ivory Coast, which accounts for more than 40% of world cocoa supplies, will begin harvesting the new crop next month.

(Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed amid expectations for rate cut

US bonds were little changed, with yields near record lows, amid expectations the Federal Reserve may cut interest rates as early as next week to spur economic growth.

"Certainly there is a possibility that it will happen," and that chance is helping bolster bonds, said William Lloyd, bonds strategist at Barclays Capital Inc.

The benchmark 30-year rose 1/32, or 31 cents per dlrs 1,000 bond, leaving the yield unchanged at 5.15 percent. The two-year note yield fell 2 basis points to 4.62%.

Bonds got a boost after an article in the *Washington Post* by Fed-watcher John Berry indicated there are "growing signs" that Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan may propose an interest-rate cut at next Tuesday's Fed policy meeting. The article cited recent comments by Greenspan and New York Fed President William McDonough, pointing to the possibility of slowing US growth.

Putting pressure on bonds, though, were gains in stocks in Hong Kong and across Europe, which dimmed the allure of Treasuries as a haven. The December futures contract on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index also rose, indicating stocks in the US will climb when trading begins at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time. An auction yesterday of $15 billion of two year notes may also weigh on bonds, traders said.

Later yesterday, Greenspan and Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers will testify before the US Senate's Budget Committee at 2 p.m., and may provide more clues about the chances of a Fed rate cut, traders said.

The central bank's rate-setting panel next meets on Tuesday amid growing calls for the US central bank to help ease a global credit crunch by lowering the benchmark lending rate, which has been at 5.5% for the past 18 months.

"The pressure at this point is to loosen" interest rates, said Edward Rennie, senior vice president at Pacific Investment Management Co. in Singapore, which oversees about $141 billion worldwide.

The year-long recession in Asian economies has spread to Russia and Latin America over the past month, threatening to put a drag on economies of the US and Western Europe. Already, manufacturing in the US has shown signs of losing steam, though the jobs and housing markets are still strong.

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SPORTS

in brief

Everton sign Tranmere 'keeper for record fee

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) – Everton broke the British record fee for a goalkeeper after paying £3.3 million for Tranmere's 19-year-old Steve Simonsen yesterday.

The England under-21 keeper's switch across the Mersey River from first division Tranmere to Goodison Park – with Graham Allen going the other way as part of the deal – breaks the previous record of £2.25 million set when Nigel Martyn moved from Crystal Palace to Leeds in July 1996.

NCAA bans U of Louisville from post-season

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas (Reuters) – The NCAA Tuesday banned the University of Louisville men's basketball team from post-season play for the 1998-99 season.

The basketball program was also given three years probation by the Division I Committee on Infractions of the National Collegiate Association of America.

The violation stemmed from a 1996 incident in which then-assistant coach Scooter McCray inquired about reduced hotel rates for Nate Johnson's father and used his credit card to pay for the hotel stay.

Seles wins as Sawamatsu says sayonara

TOKYO (Reuters) – Defending champion Monica Seles sent a tearful Naoko Sawamatsu into retirement yesterday with a 6-3 3-6 6-3 defeat at the Princess Cup.

The win put the second seed into the quarter-finals of the $450,000 tournament but it brought down the curtain on Sawamatsu's career which started in 1990 and contained four WTA titles.

Sawamatsu, ranked 14 in the world in 1995, says she is giving up professional tennis because she has lost her desire to compete.

Seles also beat Kimiko Date in her "sayonara" match in 1996.

English league plans pay-per-view trial

LONDON (Reuters) – The Football League said on Tuesday it was planning to launch English soccer's first pay-per-view television trial after Christmas.

"We are planning to experiment with six or seven matches between Christmas and the end of the season (next May)," Football League spokesman Chris Hull told Reuters.

Satellite broadcasters BSkyB were the company most likely to win the pay-per-view rights, according to Hull, although he said other companies were free to bid.

BSkyB already own the television rights to matches in the Football League, which includes the English first, second and third divisions but not the premier league.

Pepper spices Solheim Cup with punch

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) – European golf didn't get the outcome it wanted, but maybe the Solheim Cup did.

The European women had pointed to Muirfield Village as the scene where the men had turned around their Ryder Cup fortunes in 1987 by beating the US on home soil for the first time.

Annika Sorenstam, Laura Davies and Co. didn't take possession of the Solheim Cup, only a punching bag with Dottie Pepper's name on it. That still may be enough to give the Solheim the boost it needs.

While Pepper pitched a shutout (4-0) in leading the US to a 16-12 victory, the Europeans pitched a fit over Pepper's raise-the-roof cheering they decried as poor sportsmanship.

Pepper described it as patriotism, and the debate over semantics could go on until the women take off their gloves two years from now on the other side of the Atlantic.

Whatever the case, the stakes have been raised. Interest will be even higher at Sunningdale Golf Club in Surrey, England. The English crowd will be just as vocal. The pride will be even stronger. The pressure will be even greater.

"This has been a great week, apart from the fact that we lost," Davies said. "That's the only downside, and it's obviously a big downside."

The Europeans have won only once since the Solheim Cup began in 1990, at Dalmahoy in 1992 with a Sunday singles blitz. They could have used that at Muirfield, where they had to win nine of 12 matches to reach 14 1/2 points.

Europe won the first four matches to throw a scare into US captain Judy Rankin. The Americans got back on track behind a fitting source: Pepper.

Pepper, who dyed her hair red for the 1994 matches and painted her toenails blue this time, is to the US what Seve Ballesteros is to Europe.

The 34-year-old native New Yorker is the most decorated player in the brief history of the Solheim Cup – 12-4-1 in five events, compared with Davies' 12-6-1 record. She will become known more as a Solheim star than for her 14 victories and one major championship.

And it wasn't just at Muirfield. Four years ago, Davies took umbrage at Pepper for blurting out a "Yes!" after Davies missed a crucial putt.

That was nothing compared to Saturday, when Juli Inkster lagged a tricky 45-foot birdie putt within tap-in range on the 17th hole while leading 1-up. Pepper put a bear hug on Inskter to start the celebration – even though Helen Alfredsson and Marie Laure de Lorenzi were still much alive.

"That's sad," Alfredsson said. "That's junior stuff." Asked if she crossed the line between gamesmanship and sportsmanship, Pepper replied, "Not once." Maybe not. Still, she could have taken a cue from Corey Pavin in the 1995 Ryder Cup at Oak Hill. With the final match of Saturday all square on the 18th, Pavin holed a birdie chip from just off the green and kept his emotions in check until after Nick Faldo missed a birdie putt to halve the match.

Told about European players taking out their frustration on a bop bag with Pepper's name on it, the feisty American welcomed it.

"I take it as a compliment," she said. "If that's what it takes, then I'll be glad to be their punching bag." If that's not enough, Pepper's explanation of US success in the Solheim Cup only stirred the pot.

"We played better golf, period," she said. "I think from 1 to 12, we're better players. But I also think we dig down pretty deep. This team had a huge heart and every time it looked like we were going to be outplayed, they dug deeper." The US dominance in the Solheim Cup should not suggest a wide gap in talent. The best women players in the world are from all over the world, starting in Europe with Sorenstam and Davies and stretching to Australia (Karrie Webb) and Asia (Se Ri Pak).

For one weekend, the US holed every putt in sight, just as Europe did in its surprise victory over the Americans in the Ryder Cup at Valderrama.

"It's just a matter of luck sometimes whether a putt will drop in or not," Sorenstam said.

Even more irritating were suggestions to change the Solheim Cup so players like Pak and Webb could be included. One such format would pit North America against the rest of world, an idea that cut Europe's pride.

"I won't play on an international team, ever," Davies said.

"It's an insult to every single one of us." Asked later about Europe's depth, Davies could hardly contain herself.

"In a few years time, you'll be asking about the Americans.

Are they good enough. Do they need Canada and Japan?" she said with a laugh.

Probably not. A punching bag with Davies' name on it might be enough.

BASEBALL

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Phillies 10, Reds 8, (11)

In Cincinnati, the Reds' Todd Williams walked three batters in the 11th inning to force in the go-ahead run.

With one out, Williams (0-1) walked Bobby Abreu. After Mark Lewis singled, Bobby Estalella and Desi Relaford walked to give Philadelphia a 9-8 lead.

Dodgers 3, Padres 2

In Los Angeles, Chan Ho Park scattered six hits in eight innings, and rookie Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer to lead the Dodgers.

Giants 14, Pirates 2

In San Francisco, Barry Bonds homered, tripled and singled before leaving due to back spasms as the Giants kept their wild card hopes alive.

The Giants closed to within 2 1/2 games of New York and Chicago, the co-leaders in the NL wild-card chase, with five games left.

TUESDAY'S AL ACTION

Red Sox 11, Devil Rays 2

In Boston, the Red Sox broke out of a hitting slump and closed in on the AL wild-card berth, beating the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 11-2 behind Pete Schourek's first win after more than six weeks with the Red Sox.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 3

In Toronto, Jose Canseco set a new career high with his 45th and 46th home runs.

Yankees 10, Indians 4, 1st game
Yankees 5, Indians 1, 2nd game

In New York, Hideki Irabu pitched eight strong innings and the Yankees matched the second-highest win total in team history, beating Cleveland to complete a sweep of a day-night doubleheader.

White Sox 4, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, James Baldwin came within three outs of his first career shutout and the Chicago White Sox beat the Twins for their fifth straight win.

Tigers 14, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Luis Gonzalez homered and drove in four runs, leading the Detroit Tigers over the Royals.

Gonzalez capped a four-run fourth inning with a three-run homer and added an RBI single in a four-run ninth. Rookie.

Rangers 9, Angels 1

In Anaheim, California, Rick Helling allowed three hits in eight innings for his 20th win as Texas opened a two-game AL West lead.

Wild card race
(through Tuesday's games)

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	88	69	.561	–
Toronto	85	73	538	3½
National League	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
NYMets	88	70	.557	–
Chicago Cubs	88	70	.557	–
San Francisco	85	72	.541	2½

Mariners 7, Athletics 6

In Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr. hit two home runs and joined Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig as the only players to drive in 140 runs in three consecutive seasons.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	102	56	.646	—
New York	88	70	.557	14
Philadelphia	73	84	.465	28½
Montreal	63	94	.401	38½
Florida	51	106	325	50½
Central Division				
x-Houston	99	59	.627	—
Chicago	88	70	.557	11
St. Louis	80	77	.510	18½
Cincinnati	74	84	.468	25
Milwaukee	72	85	.459	26½
Pittsburgh	69	88	.439	29½
West Division				
x-San Diego	96	62	.608	—
San Francisco	85	72	.541	10½
Los Angeles	80	77	.510	15½
Colorado	75	83	.475	21
Arizona	63	95	399	33

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	109	48	.694	—
Boston	88	69	.561	21
Toronto	85	73	.538	24½
Baltimore	78	79	.497	31
Tampa Bay	63	94	.401	46
Central Division				
x-Cleveland	88	69	.561	—
Chicago	77	80	.490	11
Kansas City	71	85	.455	16½
Minnesota	66	91	.420	22
Detroit	63	95	399	25½
West Division				
Texas	85	72	.541	—
Anaheim	83	74	.529	2
Seattle	74	82	.474	10½
Oakland	71	86	.452	[illegible]

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's NL games: Atlanta 4, Florida 1; Arizona 8, Colorado 6; St. Louis 4, Houston 0; Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 3; Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 2; Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 8, 11 innings; Los Angeles 3, San Diego 2; San Francisco 14, Pittsburgh 2.

Tuesday's AL games: N.Y. Yankees 10, Cleveland 4, 1st game; N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 1, 2nd game; Toronto 7, Baltimore 3; Boston 11, Tampa Bay 2; Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 1; Detroit 14, Kansas City 4; Texas 9, Anaheim 1; Seattle 7, Oakland 6.

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The Tel Aviv Museum opens its chamber-music concert season Saturday at 8:30 p.m. with a Beethoven program performed by pianist Aviram Reichert. The pianist, who has won numerous prizes in major international competitions including a bronze medal in the coveted Van Cliburn Competition in 1997, will perform Beethoven's *Appassionata* sonata followed by the same composer's third piano concerto, in which he will be accompanied by the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra conducted by Avi Ostrovsky.

Israel Music Day will be celebrated today at the Jerusalem Theater with concerts featuring music by composers who have won the Israel Prize. At 2 p.m. the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba and the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra will perform music by Tal, Partos and Avidom. At 4 p.m. the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra, choirs and singers will perform music by Partos, Orgad, Ehrlich and Hajdu. At 6 p.m. the Ihud Choir and eight children's choirs will perform songs written by various classical and light/folk music composers who received the Israel Prize. The final event at 8:30 p.m. will feature the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA playing music by Shapira, Ben-Haim and Seter. Admission to all concerts is free.

LIGHT MUSIC

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Tenor Avi Elishama warbles love songs and serenades, sings *hazanut* and plucks the heartstrings of nostalgia in the garden at Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Trombonist Avi Lebo, trumpeter Alex Norris and the Tel Aviv Big Band end the Young Musicians series at the national parks at the Yarkon River Source (in the Hod Hasharon area). The Israeli-born Lebo has been making a name for himself in the US, while Norris is also known as a conductor and arranger. The concert is on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Pianist Aviram Reichert plays Beethoven in Tel Aviv.

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Telemann: Viola Concerto; Myslivecek: Wind Octet; Haydn: Symphony no 42 (Tafelmusik / Weil)
7:07 Weber: Clarinet Quintet op 34 (L'Archibudelli); Mozart: Concerto for 2 Pianos and Orchestra K365 (Perahia / Lupu / Concertgebouw Orch / Harnoncourt)
8:05 Arensky: Trio no 1 (Heifetz / Piatigorsky / Pennario); Dvorák: Serenade for Winds, Cello and Double Bass op 44 (Sabina Meyer Ensemble)
9:05 Israeli Music Day: Winners of the Israel Prize for Hebrew songs – Naomi Shemer, Moshe Wilensky, Shoshana Damari and others
13:00 Israeli Music Day: live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem
14:06 Opening concert of compositions by composers who have won the Israel Prize, live from the Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Joseph Tal: Symphony no 1 (Haifa SO / Sherber); Oedoen Partos: Psalms (Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba / Mayer); Menachem Avidom: Symphony no 9 (Kibbutz Chamber Orch / Avi Ostrovsky)
16:00 Afternoon concert of compositions by composers who have won the Israel Prize, live from the Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Oedoen Partos: Yizkor (ICO / Salvador Mas-Conda); Benzion Orgad: Return of Soafir (Zakai / Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Biron); Abel Ehrlich: Little Ehrlich Anthology (Ora Rotem-Nelcan, piano); André Hajdu: The King's Fanfare (Ra'anana Symphonette / Zaliouk)
18:00 Evening concert of compositions by composers who have won the Israel Prize, live from the Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. The Yehud Choir and Children's Choirs with singer Esther Admon, pianists Moshe Zorman and Shimon Cohen
20:05 Evening concert of compositions by composers who have won the Israel Prize, live from the Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Arik Shapira: Missa v'Yova; Paul Ben-Haim: Symphony no 1 (Rishon Lezion SO / Rodan); Mordechai Seter: Tikkun Hatzot (Zakai / JSO and choir /Bertini)

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Stark (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lion's Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Legal Eagle – attorney Larry Dub
12:00 The Twersky Report with Mordechai Twersky
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
15:00 Music with Aaron Katsman
17:00 Afternoon Drive – with Mike Reinis
19:00 Oldies – Music and Trivia with Teisha Bader and Larry Gamliel
21:00 Staying Sane with Dr. Miriam Adahan
22:00 WestRock with Red Beard
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Outlook
6:55 Music Brief
7:00 The World Today
7:30 The Passage Of Time
7:45 Waveguide
8:00 News
8:15 Insight
8:30 Meridian Books
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: Human Croquet, part 12
9:30 Composer of the Month
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Performance
10:30 Joe Strummer's London Calling
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 The Passage Of Time
11:30 Science Desk II
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Discovery
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Waveguide
13:45 F.O.O.C.
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Record News
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Multitrack: X-Press
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Westway
17:30 The Vintage Chart Show
18:00 Europe Today
18:30 World Business Report
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 News
19:15 Insight
19:30 Record News
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20:30 Assignment
21:00 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:25 Pause For Thought
21:30 John Peel
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 Meridian Books
00:00 Newsdesk

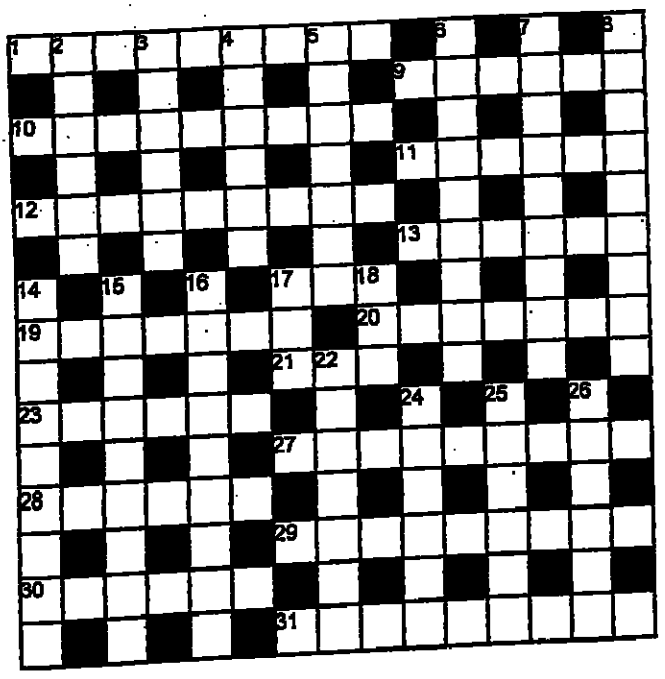
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Embankment due to the enterprise of an agronomist (9)
9 A god's head set within a circle (6)
10 Having influence—or pretending to (9)
11 A West Country town will show the way (6)
12 With little hesitation entering club restaurant (9)
13 The Church is about to suspend conversion (6)
17 A journey made in days gone by (3)
19 The man shunned for striking players (7)
20 See cans are put straight into boxes (7)
21 Included by the artful auditor (3)
23 Advance payment outstanding? Calm down! (6)
27 Cut and tied without charge (9)
28 A gold-plated key—antique (3-3)
29 Acknowledging a young woman seen in a seedy bar (9)
30 An outbuilding let on a new arrangement (4-2)
31 Social workers are frequently taken in by them (9)

DOWN

2 Maintain a strong company (6)
3 He believes tithes to be quite wrong (6)
4 Dry humour of a woman (6)
5 Called about drink ordering (7)
6 Controlling the eruption? (4,5)
7 Expedition organised by Navy head (9)
8 A direction to make no threats (5-4)
14 An officer of the law reads the schedule (9)
15 The ostler's bald tales as broadcast (6,3)
16 Content keeping sheep, the French did not retire early (3,2,4)
17 Scoffed at egghead (3)
18 Nothing put before the queen is over-short (3)
22 Row after a youngster appears in pantomime (7)
24 The minister is English and so correct (6)
25 Sort of dog for the scholarly lot? (6)
26 Bottom maybe, with just two points say (6)



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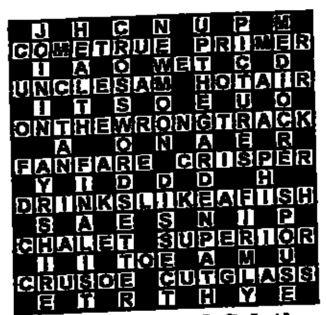

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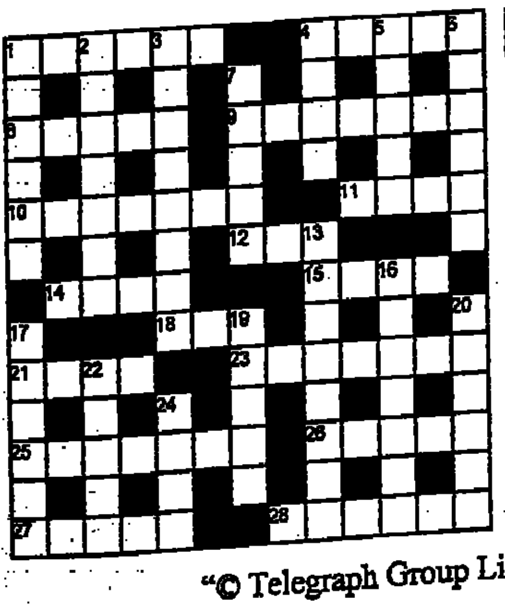

ACROSS

1 Creators (6)
4 Luscious fruit (5)
8 Apparel (5)
9 Haven (7)
10 Laic (7)
11 Lake (4)
12 Age (3)
14 Espy (4)
15 Overtake (4)
18 Consume (3)
21 Too (4)
23 Point of view (7)
25 Odd (7)
26 Beneath (5)
27 Answer (5)
28 Sea nymph (6)

DOWN

1 Fashionable (6)
2 Patella (7)
3 Determined (8)
4 Portion (4)
5 Residence (5)
6 Large wasp (6)
7 Coast (5)
13 Flair (8)
16 Cheat (7)
17 Roman emperor (6)
19 Tall building (5)
20 Trapped (6)
22 Denude (5)
24 Sole (4)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 History in the Making
8:30 Crossroad Café
9:00 Dealing With Dogs
9:30 Psychology
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Geography
12:00 History
13:00 Music
13:30 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Casper
15:50 Eli and Lily and Garfield
16:45 Wolves, Witches and Giants
16:59 New Evening
17:34 The Bizi
18:05 Dudu's Adventures
18:10 Time for Language
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 BBC Documentary
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 The Adventures of Lano and Woodley
20:00 News
20:30 European Basketball League – Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Panthanaikois, live from Yad Eliahu
21:35 Weekly Lotto Draw
21:40 European Basketball League – contd.
22:45 Sudan – Are They Training Terrorists? – documentary about Sudan's terrorist training operations and the country's potential threat to the Western world in the wake of the assassination attempt on Egypt's President Mubarak
23:30 News
00:00 Time For Language

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 The Rainbow Children
6:43 Morning with Gabi Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Touched by an Angel
10:45 Dynasty
11:36 Pekin Festival
12:26 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 Fox's Yard
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Major Dad
15:28 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Caroline
18:35 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
19:25 Zbeng
20:00 News
20:30 Shemesh
21:05 World's Scariest Police Chases
22:00 Purple Lawns – Israeli drama about two secular women who share an apartment and are joined by a religious woman who changes their lives
23:16 Oman – A New Year Voyage
00:00 News
00:10 Screen Test
00:57 Spearfield's Daughter
1:49 Heatwave (1983) – a town battles with a giant corporation in one of Australia's hottest summers
3:18 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Classic Animation
14:30 Australian Birds
15:00 Fan Club
15:30 Dreaming in Blue Waters
16:00 Treasure Seekers
17:00 Burnt Bridge
18:00 Le Journal
18:15 French Series
18:30 News Headlines
18:35 My Big Brother Jake
19:00 Great Romances
19:30 Dr. Quinn – Medicine Woman
20:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
21:00 News in English
21:30 Movie
23:00 You Can't Rush Love

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

6:30 700 CLUB
7:00 TV SHOPPING
14:00 RICHARD SCARRY
14:30 Popeye
15:00 Wishbone
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 CNN News
16:30 Arabic News
17:00 Candid Camera
18:00 Homicide
19:00 Sirenes
20:00 The Cape
21:00 English League Soccer
23:00 TV Shopping

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Amores
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Garden of Thorns
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Russian News
20:00 Profiles – Golda Meir
20:30 Telekessef
21:00 News
21:30 L'impure (French) – two-part drama based on a Guy des Cars novel about an orphan who becomes a top model, marries an English aristocrat, and discovers she has contracted a rare disease. With Marianne Basler and Paul Vecchiali
23:10 La Dame de Monsoreau - French drama

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Skin Color
16:00 Hot Science
16:30 Sesame Street
17:00 Arabic Calligraphy
17:15 Nature
17:40 Color Garden
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Masterpieces of the Art World
19:30 New Evening
20:00 Vis-a-vis
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Cinescopus – Great Composers
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Airport 21

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
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22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Profiler
00:30 Renegade
1:20 The New Untouchables
2:10 Spy Game
3:00 Poltergeist
3:45 Blood Brothers

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Between Love and Honor (1995) – a young man sent undercover to infiltrate a mafia kingpin's organization is torn between his love for the don's protegé and his values of right and wrong. With Grant Shaw
13:05 Second Chance (1953) – two runaways, one a gangster's former girlfriend and the other a prizefighter with a past meet in Mexico and fall in love. With Robert Mitchum, Jack Palance and Linda Darnell
14:25 The Legend of Gatorface (1995) – two bored teenagers revive the creature "Gatorface" reputed to live in the local swamps. With Don White
16:05 Crimes of Passion (1993) – a con artist marries a young woman and murders her for the insurance policy. With Dwight Schultz
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22:00 Kingfish: A Story of Huey P. Long (1995) – biopic of the charismatic Depression-era Louisiana senator and governor who advocated a redistribution of wealth. With John Goodman and Matt Craven
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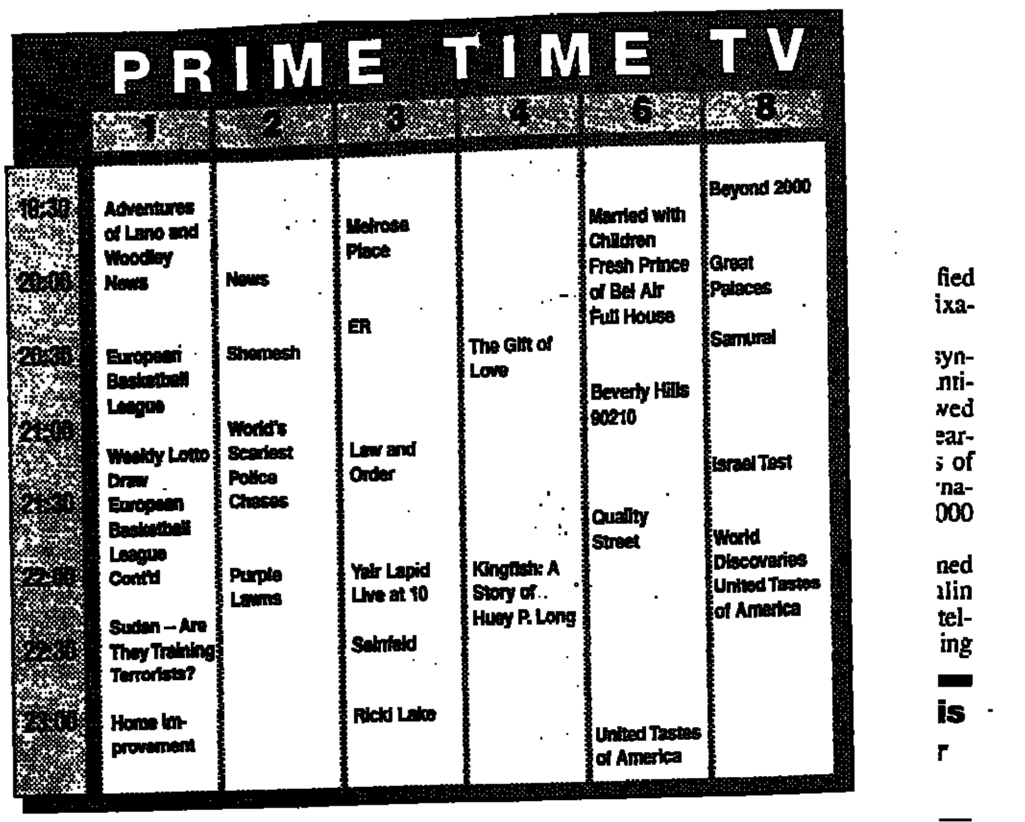

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7:30 The Skeleton Coast (rpt)
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9:30 The Air Show (rpt)
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Levy, Hadad named to play singles

By HEATHER CHAIT

Israel's Davis Cup captain Shlomo Glickstein has taken a gamble and yesterday named his two least experienced players, Harel Levy and Amir Hadad, for the singles rubbers in the tie against France starting at Ramat Hasharon tomorrow.

Levy, at 20 the youngest in the five-man squad, has the highest ranking this week of 217. His tennis has seen great strides this summer as he won two rounds in New Haven and more recently qualified for the Tashkent tournament, reaching the second round where he lost to Italy's Stefano Pescosolido.

"Harel is most suitable to be our No. 1 player," Glickstein told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "He's been playing well and is in good form." This will be Levy's initiation into Davis Cup.

Hadad (322) was a surprise choice as a singles player earlier this year against Austria. In that tie he won his first match, helping Israel to a 2-0 lead after the first day.

For the doubles on Saturday, Glickstein is standing by Eyal Erlich and Noam Behr, who proved themselves by beating Spain and Austria.

SCOREBOARD

INTERANTIONAL SOCCER – Spain beat Russia 1-0 in a friendly international in Granada last night.

ENGLISH SOCCER – League Cup second round, second leg results last night: Crystal Palace 2, Bury 1, (Bury won 4-2 on aggregate); Everton 2, Huddersfield 1, (Everton won 3-2); Manchester City 0, Derby County 1, (Derby win 2-1); Reading 1, Barnsley 1, (Barnsley won 4-1), Southampton 0, Fulham 1, (Fulham won 2-1); Tottenham Hotspur 3, Brentford 2, (Tottenham won 6-4).

TOTO CUP – Results yesterday: Hapoel Tel Aviv 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 2; Maccabi Haifa 3, Maccabi Herzliya 1.

SOSA IN TROUBLE – Chicago's Sammy Sosa is nursed by club staff after colliding with Brewers first baseman Mike Matheny in second-inning action in Milwaukee on Tuesday. He was not seriously hurt, as he proved last night. (Reuters)

Sosa ties McGwire at 65

MILWAUKEE (Reuters) – Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs belted his 64th and 65th home runs of the season to move into a tie with Mark McGwire for the all-time single-season lead last night.

Sosa's 65th homer, a 410-foot solo shot to dead center field on a 2-2 pitch from Rod Henderson, came with two outs in the sixth and gave Chicago a 7-0 lead over the Milwaukee Brewers. His 64th was a 344-foot missile over the right-field fence on a 1-0 pitch from Dominican Republic countryman Rafael Roque.

Sosa entered the game in an 0-for-21 slide then walked his first two times up before the homers in consecutive at-bats.

McGwire was to try to break the tie later last night when the St. Louis Cardinals hosted Randy Johnson and the Houston Astros.

The Brewers have been Sosa's favourite opponent this season, allowing 12 of his homers. Sosa also tied the major league single-season record of 11 multi-homer game set by Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers in 1938.

Sosa has 30 homers on the road this season and has hit 33 during the day, one more than at night.

TUESDAY'S NL ACTION

Expos 5, Mets 3

The New York Mets dropped back into a tie for the NL wild-card lead, blowing a three-run leadin a 5-3 loss to the Montreal Expos on Orlando Cabrera's tiebreaking two-run single.

New York is tied again with the Chicago Cubs. Each team has four games remaining.

John Olerud of the Mets walked in the first, tying Barry Bonds' NL record of reaching base 15 consecutive times, then grounded out in the third and fell one short of the major league mark Ted Williams set in 1957.

Cubs 5, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, the Cubs moved into a tie for the NL wild-card spot, snapping a three-game losing streak.

The Cubs' Sammy Sosa failed to close in on Mark McGwire, holding at 63 home runs and leaving him in an 0-for-21 drought.

Terry Mulholland (6-5) pitched eight solid innings. He gave up one run on six hits, three by Mark Loretta.

Cardinals 4, Astros 0

In St. Louis, Mark McGwire failed to add to his major league record 65 home runs, but Matt Morris recorded his first major league shutout as St. Louis won its sixth in a row.

Morris (7-5), allowed five hits and struck out 10. He hasn't allowed a run in 16 innings since Sept. 11.

Braves 4, Marlins 1

In Miami, Eddie Perez's solo home run gave the Atlanta Braves 208 homers this season, breaking a 32-year-old franchise record.

Kevin Millwood (17-8) allowed one run and six hits in five innings. Kerry Ligtenberg pitched a perfect ninth and became the first NL rookie to collect 30 saves since St. Louis' Todd Worrell in 1986.

Diamondbacks 8, Rockies 6

In Denver, Colorado's Mike Lansing hit three home runs, but Arizona's Karim Garcia hit two of the Diamondbacks' franchise record-tying five home runs.

Devon White, Kelly Stinnett and Travis Lee added homers for the Diamondbacks. Arizona had been homerless in its previous five games.

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Hap. J'lem vanquish Vilnius; Galil cruise past Limassol

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and ELI GRONER

Hapoel Jerusalem's gamble on letting former Las Vegas native H. Waldman run the team this year continued to pay off big time last night, as his 20 points, eight assists and five rebounds led Jerusalem to an impressive 89-73 Saporta Cup home victory over Lietuvos Rytas of Lithuania.

Waldman's amazing acumen for finding the open man seemed to infect all his teammates, who mirrored his own unselfish play throughout the game. Even big men Radisav Curcic and Derrick Hamilton showed off their passing skills as Jerusalem overcame some early nervousness to race to an easy victory.

Waldman, who took over the reins this year after the retirement of team captain and local legend Adi Gordon, showed complete cool and confidence in his club's first European contest.

Whether driving right through defenders to the hoop with a snappy scoop shot or finding cutting big men with a crisp pass, Waldman was simply outstanding, as evidenced by his statistics, which also included success from the field.

Meanwhile both Curcic and Hamilton added 20 points apiece, the latter adding four assists, as Jerusalem put on another fine second half, just as they did last week against Maccabi Ramat Gan in the National League opener.

The early run-and-gun nature of the game carried over throughout, but Jerusalem looked like a sure bet to steamroll the Lithuanians as Hamilton stole the ball and raced the length of the court to dunk to give Hapoel an early 15-8 lead.

Two straight passes from Hamilton to Curcic for hoops late in the first half saw Jerusalem go up 35-21, with the Lithuanian club missing many open jumpers, and Jerusalem would have led by more if not for some costly turnovers. But what appeared to always be on the verge of a rout never got that far, especially when veteran Rimas Kurtinaitis, who once played alongside Arvidas Sabonis against Maccabi Tel Aviv with Shalgeris Kaunas, hit a long jumper helping his team escape down just 39-29 at halftime.

A more determined Hapoel turned it up just a notch in the second half, especially Curcic, who started to get the ball more inside against the weak Lithuanian big men. Curcic scored 11 second-half points, threading his way inside, before sitting out in the final minutes after having grabbed seven rebounds on the night and dished off three assists of his own.

It was Curcic's hoop on a feed from Waldman underneath that boosted Jerusalem back to a 53-40 advantage, the culmination of a deciding 10-2 run after the pesky Lithuanians had crawled to with five, 43-38.

Much tighter defense and 7-15 three-point shooting kept the visitors at bay, whose offense was limited mainly to 17 points by former University of Maryland stand[illegible] Sharonis Jaskevicius.

Hounded by Papi Turgeman, Jaskevicius was unable to do too much damage, and coach Effy Birnbaum got a chance to play his bench, who managed to keep the all-important point differential to a respectable 16 at the buzzer.

Galil Elyon 97, Limassol 62

Theo Cinizitz buried 5 of 6 three pointers on his way to 21 points as Cellcom Galil Elyon cruised past Limassol of Cyprus to complete a preliminary home-and-home sweep in Korac Cup competition at Kfar Blum last night.

The win elevated the northerners into the next stage of the competition

Galil will now be placed in a fo[illegible]-team group from which the top two clubs will advance to the knockout round-of-32.

Galil's Jaime Arnold supported Cinizitz well by adding 21 points on 10-13 from the field.

For the game, Galil shot 50-83 from the field, for a blistering 60 percent.

Before the tipoff cellular phone company Cellcom held a press conference to announce their sponsorship of Galil for the coming season. The deal is said to be worth approximately $150,000. Cellcom's heads who were present at the game said they hoped to form a long-term sponsorship deal with the club.

In the other Korac Cup game last night *Rishon Lezion* beat Cibiu of Romania 94-74.

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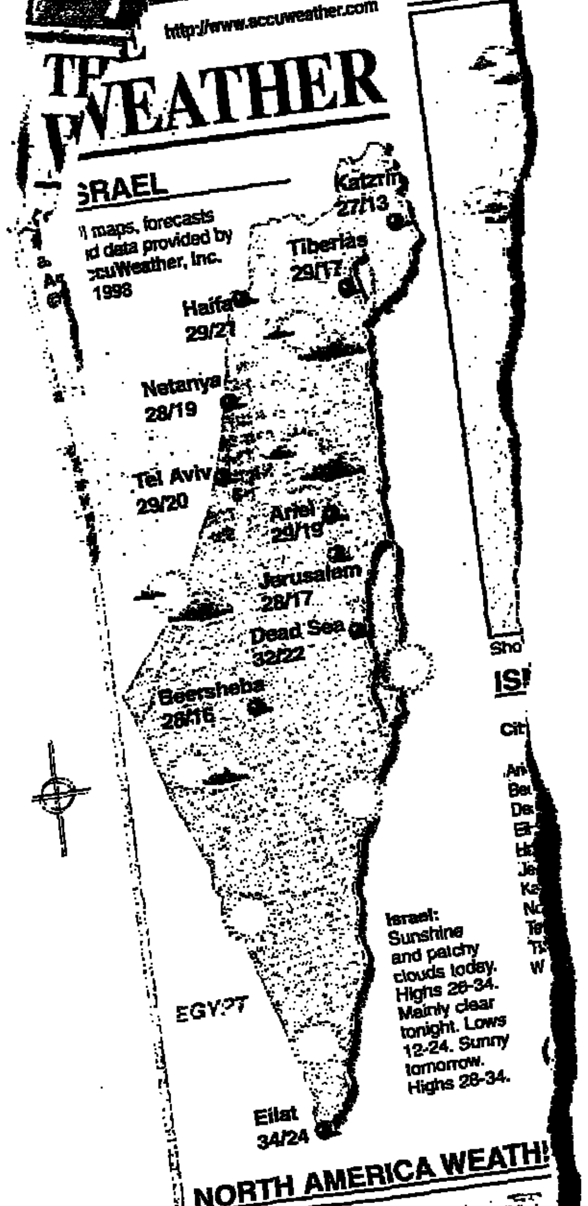
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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER

Maccabi in tough EuroLeague opener

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv embarks tonight on another EuroLeague campaign after a busy off-season in which the club altered much of its core.

Maccabi gets an immediate test of how effective the changes will be as it faces perennial powerhouse Panathinaikos, which won the 1996 EuroLeague title and reached the Final Four in 1994 and 1995.

Much rides on Maccabi's first two games – both at home – in the club's quest to return to the elite of basket- ll with its first trip to the Final ur since 1991.

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ub's management also dispense with the services coach Vinko Jelovac after only one season at the helm. In addition, Brad Leaf retired and is now assistant coach.

Maccabi hopes it has brought a winning attitude with the addition of two new foreign players – former NBA players Willie Anderson and Victor Alexander - who teamed together last season to lead AEK Athens to the title game.

New head coach Yoram Harush also recalled guard Guy Goodes after a stint in Italy and added national team forward Gur Shelef from Hapoel Galil Elyon and Yugoslav national team guard Nikola Loncar, who led Racing Paris in scoring in the EuroLeague last season and shot 40.7 percent from three-point range.

Panathinaikos has been busy itself improving in the offseason. After already adding Dino Radja last season following its failure to qualify for the EuroLeague for the first time since 1993, Panathinaikos – with the largest budget among the 24 EuroLeague teams – brought in star player Dejan Bodiroga from Real Madrid and veteran guard Ferdinando Gentile from Stefanel Milan.

Radja, who "introduced" himself to international basketball at the expense of Maccabi in 1989 by leading Split to the first of three straight titles with 20 points in its upset victory over Tel Aviv in the European final, returned last season to the continental scene after four productive years with the Boston Celtics.

He averaged 20.9 points and 9.8 rebounds for Panathinaikos in its European battles last season, when he led the team to the semifinals of the secondary European Cup.

He also propelled Panathinaikos to the Greek title, no small feat considering that Greek clubs have accounted for an outstanding eight of the 24 EuroLeague Final Four places during the past six seasons.

Radja is supported by the fine Greek tandem of Fragiskos Alvertis and Nikolaos Economou, as well as German guard Michael Koch.

Maccabi has not had much success against Panathinaikos since the club burst on the scene as a powerhouse. Maccabi is only 1-3 against the team, including a home loss during Panathinaikos's European title season in 1996, the last time the two clubs met.

Tonight's match is scheduled to be televised live on Channel 1 starting at 8:15 p.m.

How the EuroLeague works

The 24 clubs participating in the EuroLeague are divided into four groups of six teams.

After each team faces the five other clubs in its group twice, all teams advance to the next stage, taking their records with them.

The top three teams in each group form a bracket with the bottom three clubs from another group.

In the newly formed pools, each club plays the three new teams in its group twice. The results of those six games are combined with the results from the first 10 games, and the top four from each of the four groups advance to the Final 16.

In the Final 16 the format switches to a best-of-three miniseries, with the top team in one pool playing the fourth-placed team in another group and the second-placed teams playing the third-placed clubs in another group. The higher-placed teams have the home-court advantage.

The eight survivors of that round advance to the quarterfinals, which is also a best-of-three series.

Those victors move on to the Final Four, where the semifinals and finals are both one contest.

The team which finishes last in each of the four second groups forfeits its country's slot in the EuroLeague the following season.

Those slots are taken by each country which has a team advance to the secondary European Cup semifinals. A country is not allowed to have more than three teams in the EuroLeague.

Group A: Saratov (Russia), Vitoria (Spain), Fenerbahce Istanbul (Turkey), Zalgiris Kaunas (Lithuania), Pau-Orthez (France), Varese (Italy).
Group B: Maccabi Tel Aviv, Manresa (Spain), Cibona Zagreb, Efes Pilsen, Red Star Belgrade, Panathinaikos.
Group C: Kinder Bologna, Ulker Istanbul, CSKA Moscow, Alba Berlin, Zadar (Croatia), Olympiakos.
Group D: PAOK Salonika, Samar (Russia), Teamsystem Bologna, Olimpija Ljubljana, Villeurbanne (France), Real Madrid.

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Maccabi Tel Aviv's schedule

Tonight:	Panathinaikos
Oct. 1:	Efes Pilsen
Oct. 8:	at Manresa
Oct 15:	at Red Star Belgrade
Oct 22:	Cibona Zagreb
Nov. 5:	at Panathinaikos
Nov. 12:	at Efes Pilsen
Nov. 19:	Manresa
Dec. 10:	Red Star Belgrade
Dec 17:	Cibona Zagreb

teroids probably didn't kill Flo-Jo – experts

INGTON (Reuters) – Florence Griffith 38-year-old former athlete who extolled es of sports and fitness, dies suddenly in

eculation is immediate – "Flo-Jo" must en taking steroids and they must have l her heart.

perts in heart disease and on the effects of say not. They say it is doubtful that caused Griffith Joyner's death, while at the e pointing to the dangers of steroid abuse.

h Joyner was found dead at her home by and Al Joyner, police said Monday. They d the cause of death as a "heart seizure," s not a medical term.

don't know what caused her death. We ow whether or not there was significant sease here and we don't know whether or e used steroids," Dr. Jonathan Halperin, a sor of medicine at the Mt. Sinai School of ine's cardiovascular institute in New York, said.

Nonetheless, the speculation was immediate. The death of an athlete is always unexpected, and there had always been accusations about Griffith Joyner, who won three medals and set a world record at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, retiring soon after at the age of 29.

She had always denied using steroids.

"I'm sorry, but there was always a very strong rumour she was on something – everyone always talked about it," said Australian Tania Van-Heer, a medalist at the Commonwealth Games which have just finished in Kuala Lumpur.

"What happened is because she such a high-profile person who was such a spectacular athlete, everyone will speculate," said Dr. Stanley Feld, a Dallas endocrinologist who speaks on hormone abuse for the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE).

A complete autopsy on Griffith Joyner could take weeks, and Halperin said even a thorough examination may not answer all the questions.

Noting that the heart inevitably stops as a final cause of death for anyone, Halperin said Joyner's death illustrated that heart disease is the number one killer of Americans.

"Certainly Miss Joyner was far too young to die of a cardiac disease but too often cardiac disease does strike young people and athletes are not spared," he said.

He said the idea that steroid abuse can damage the heart is controversial, and not accepted among all heart experts.

"There are dangers to taking steroids but those dangers are by no means confined to the heart. They can have effects on the adrenal glands whose job in the body is to produce steroids.

They can suppress (natural) production of steroids and can cause weight gain."

Other effects – diabetes, mood swings, acne, toxic effects on the digestive tract, muscle, nerve and brain damage.

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